Appendix

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Appendix

Study title: General practitioner understanding of the meaning of abbreviations used in hospital discharge summaries

Please read through the excerpts below that were taken from actual discharge summaries and fill in what the bolded abbreviation stands for in the column on the right.

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<tr>
<th>Abbreviation example</th>
<th>Meaning of abbreviation (your interpretation)</th>
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<td>1. ECG: Nil acute changes</td>
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<td>2. CXR showed an enlarged cardiac silhouette</td>
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<td>3. O/E the patient was in respiratory distress</td>
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<td>4. The patient reported NKDA</td>
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<td>5. BP 130/72</td>
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<td>6. On exam HSDNM</td>
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<td>7. HR 86</td>
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<td>8. PMHx of type 2 diabetes</td>
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<td>9. CT was normal</td>
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<td>11. Patient was admitted to the ED</td>
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<td>12. 72yo male with B/G of end-stage renal failure</td>
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<td>13. Patient independent with ADLs</td>
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<td>15. Pain likely secondary to GORD</td>
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<td>16. TTE was performed on admission</td>
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<td>17. Examination in the ED revealed GCS of 8</td>
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<td>18. CTPA performed was normal</td>
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<td>19. EST to be performed as an outpatient</td>
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<td>20. OT washout and ORIF</td>
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