

Abbreviations within the Maternity Setting Guideline

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This documents the correct terminology and abbreviations used in the context of providing care to women and birthing people during their pregnancy and postnatal period.

Scope:

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Aim

The aim of this document is to:

- Use agreed and standardised abbreviations, terminology, and acronyms in maternity practice

Objectives

The aim of this document will be achieved by the following objectives:

- Providing an accepted list of abbreviations, terminology, and acronyms to be used in practice

Abbreviations

A

AC	Abdominal circumference
AF	Artificial feed (formula feeding)
AFS	Amniotic fluid status
AFM	Altered Fetal Movements
AFV	Amniotic fluid volume
ALT	Alanine Transferase
ANC	Antenatal Clinic
ARM	Artificial Rupture of Membranes
APH	Antepartum Haemorrhage

B

BF	Breast Feeding
BP	Blood Pressure
BPD	Bi parietal diameter
BPM	Beats per minute
BMI	Body Mass Index
BWF	Birth with Forceps
BWV	Birth with Ventouse

C

CCT	Controlled Cord Traction
CEFM	Continuous Electronic Fetal Monitoring
Ceph	Cephalic
CLC	Consultant Led Care
Cm	Centimetre
CMW	Community midwife
CTG	Cardiotocograph
CRL	Crown rump length
CRP	C/Reactive Protein
CB	Caesarean Birth
CSU	Catheter Stream Urine
Cx	Cervix
CVS	Chorionic Villus Sampling

D

DCDA	DiChorionic DiAmniotic
DAU	Day Assessment Unit
DOB	Date of Birth
DVT	Deep Vein Thrombosis

E

EBL	Estimated Blood Loss
EBM	Expressed Breast Milk
ECV	External Cephalic Version
EDC	Estimated Date of Conception
EDD	Estimated Due Date
EFM	Electronic Fetal Monitoring
EFW	Estimated Fetal Weight
EPAU	Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit
EUA	Examination Under Anaesthesia
ERPC	Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception

F

FBC	Full Blood Count
FGR	Fetal Growth Restriction
FH	Fetal Heart
FL	Femur Length
FM	Fetal Movements
FMF	Fetal Movements Felt
FSE	Fetal Scalp Electrode

G

G	Gravida
GA	General Anaesthetic
GBS	Group B streptococcus
GDM	Gestational Diabetes Mellitus
GH	Gestational Hypertension
GP	General Practitioner
G&S	Group and screen blood test
GTT	Glucose Tolerance Test

H

HC	Head Circumference
Hb	Haemoglobin
hCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotrophin
HDU	High Dependency Unit
HepB/C	Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HVS	High Vaginal Swab

I

IA	Intelligent Auscultation
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IOL	Induction of Labour
IM	Intramuscular
IS	Ischial Spines

IV	Intravenous
IUD	Intrauterine Death
IUCD	Intrauterine Contraceptive Device
IUGR	Intrauterine Growth Restriction

L

LBW	Low Birth Weight
LFT	Liver Function Test
LGA	Large for Gestational Age
LMP	Last Menstrual Period
Long	Longitudinal Lie
LOT	Left Occipito Transverse
LOP	Left Occipito Posterior
LSCB	Lower Segment Caesarean Birth
LVS	Low Vaginal Swab

M

MA	Mono Amniotic
MBL	Measured Blood Loss
MC	Mono Chorionic
MCA	Middle Cerebral Artery
MCDA	Monochorionic Diamniotic
MEOWS	Modified Early Obstetric Warning Score
Mec	Meconium
MLC	Midwife Led Care
MLU	Midwife Led Unit
MROP	Manual Removal of Placenta
MSU	Midstream Specimen of Urine
MVP	Maximum Vertical Pool
MW	Midwife

N

NAD	Nothing Abnormal Detected
NBBS	Newborn Blood Spot Screening
NEWS	Neonatal Early Warning Score
NND	Neonatal Death
NNU	Neonatal Unit
NPU	Not Passed Urine

O

OA	Occipito anterior
OP	Occipito posterior
OT	Occipito transverse
OLC	Obstetric led care

P

P	Parity
PCR	Protein Creatine Ratio
PE	Pulmonary Embolism
PET	Pre-eclampsia toxemia
PIH	Pregnancy induced Hypertension
PM	Post-mortem
PO	Per Oral
Pres	Presentation
Prim	Primigravida
PPROM	Preterm Prelabour Rupture of the Membranes
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PPH	Postpartum Haemorrhage
PR	Per Rectum
PU'd	Passed Urine
PCB	Planned Caesarean Birth
PV	Per Vagina

R

Rh	Rhesus
ROA	Right Occipito anterior
RM	Registered Midwife
ROP	Right Occipito Posterior
ROT	Right Occipito Transverse

S

SB	Stillbirth
SBR	Serum Bilirubin
Sc	Subcutaneous
SDVP	Single Deepest Vertical Pool
SFD	Small for Dates
SFH	Symphysis Fundal Height
SGA	Small for Gestational Age
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SROM	Spontaneous Rupture of Membranes
StMW	Student Midwife
SVB	Spontaneous Vaginal Birth

T

TAS	Transabdominal Scan
TOLAC	Trial of labour after caesarean
TOP	Termination of Pregnancy
TTH	To Take Home
TL	Tubal Ligation
TVS	Transvaginal Scan

U

USS	Ultrasound Scan
UA	Umbilical Artery
U&E	Urea and Electrolytes
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
UCB	Unplanned Caesarean Birth

V

VE	Vaginal Examination
VBAC	Vaginal Birth after Caesarean
VTE	Venous Thromboembolism

W

W/C	Well Contracted
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