



Clinical, Technical, and Other Common Abbreviations Quiz

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Directions: Edit the abbreviations in the following examples based on your reading of section 14.11 of the *AMA Manual of Style*. Assume that these are the first mentions of the abbreviations in the text and that all abbreviations are used more than 3 times in the subsequent text. For further explanation of the correct answers, refer to the cited section of the online or print version of the *AMA Manual of Style*.

1. AFP is a tumor marker that is used to evaluate patients for hepatocellular carcinoma.
2. Among 4954 children with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), 124 (2.5%) were identified as having cancer before, at, or after AIDS onset.
3. The study defined overweight as a BMI of 25 to 29.9 and obesity as a BMI of 30 or greater.

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4. The proteomic analysis of the vitreous fluid showed significantly increased levels of complement factor B, complement C3, complement C9, and complement C4b.

5. Forced expiratory flow between 25% and 75% (FEF25%-75%) has been proposed as an approximate measure of the caliber of distal airways.

6. The skin, liver, and gastrointestinal tract are the main targets of acute graft-versus-host disease (GVHD).

7. In obese African Americans, insulin resistance is strongly correlated with both triglyceride and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol concentrations.

8. This study was conducted to assess the effect of intravenous immunoglobulin (Ig) therapy on serum levels of immunoglobulin G1 (IgG1) and immunoglobulin G4 (IgG4) antibodies against desmoglein 1 and desmoglein 3 in patients with pemphigus vulgaris.

9. The compressed images had a mean size of 53 kilobytes (kb) (range, 48-67 kb).

10. We searched MEDLINE (January 1, 1965, through September 30, 2001) for the following MESH terms: *intensive care units, hospitalization, medical staff, hospital organization and administration, personnel staffing and scheduling, and length of stay.*



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11. After she underwent translocation of her maculae, the patient's best-corrected visual acuity improved from 20/200 to 20/30 oculus dexter and from 20/180 to 20/100 ocular sinister.

12. Measurement of the partial pressure of arterial carbon dioxide (PaCO_2) is a useful tool in evaluating alveolar ventilation.

13. This study reports the results of an ongoing multicenter trial of suppressive oral acyclovir, 400 mg bid, given to patients with a history of frequently recurrent genital herpes infection.

14. A total of 144 biopsy specimens were reviewed, which was a mean of 7.2 (standard deviation, 4.4) biopsy specimens per patient.

15. A tumor, node, metastasis staging system for appendiceal carcinoid tumors will be helpful not only to educate physicians about factors that affect the outcome of this disease but also to observe trends in prognosis.



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