

AUTHORISED ABBREVIATIONS

AAA = abdominal aortic aneurysm
ACS = acute coronary syndrome
AMI = acute myocardial infarction
AVR = aortic valve replacement
BMS = bare-metal stent
BRS = bioresorbable scaffold/stent
CABG = coronary artery bypass graft(ing)
COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CT = computed tomography => CT angiography, CT scan, multislice CT, CT-guided biopsy
CTO = chronic total occlusion => Coronary CTO / Peripheral CTO
DAPT = dual antiplatelet therapy
DEB = drug-eluting balloon / drug-coated balloon
DES = drug-eluting stent
DK crush = double-kissing crush
ECMO = extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
FFR = fractional flow reserve
IABP = intra-aortic balloon pump
ICD = implantable cardioverter defibrillator
iFR = instantaneous wave-free ratio
IVUS = intravascular ultrasound
LAA = left atrial appendage
LVEF = left ventricle ejection fraction
MRA = magnetic resonance angiography
MRI = magnetic resonance imaging
MVR = mitral valve replacement
NOAC = novel oral anticoagulant
NSTE-ACS = non-ST-segment elevation ACS
NSTEMI = non-ST-segment elevation MI
OCT = optical coherence tomography
PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention
PFO = patent foramen ovale
POT = proximal optimisation technique
STEMI = ST-segment elevation MI
SVD = single-vessel disease
SVG = saphenous vein graft
TAP technique / TAP-stenting = T-stenting and small protrusion technique

TAVI = transcatheter aortic valve implantation
TAVR = transcatheter aortic valve replacement
TEE ou TOE = transoesophageal echocardiogram
TMVR = transcatheter mitral valve replacement
TIMI = Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction (all capitals, even the word "In")
TPW = temporary pacing wire
TTE = transthoracic echocardiogram or echocardiography
TTVR = transcatheter tricuspid valve replacement
TVR = tricuspid valve replacement
VSD = ventricular septum defect(s)

NON-AUTHORISED ABBREVIATIONS

(please write them out in full)

AF = atrial fibrillation
AR = aortic regurgitation
ARC = Academic Research Consortium
AS = aortic stenosis
ASD = atrial septum defect(s)
ATA = anterior tibial artery
A-to-A embolism = artery-to-artery embolism
AV = atrioventricular
AVA = aortic valve area
BTK = below-the-knee
BVS = bioresorbable vascular scaffolds (please use BRS)
CAD = coronary artery disease
CAS = carotid artery stenting
CLI = critical limb ischaemia
CFR = coronary flow reserve
CTA ou CCTA = coronary CT angiography
DM = diabetes mellitus
DTA = descending thoracic aorta
EP= electrophysiological procedures
FKB = final-kissing balloon
GCP = good clinical practice
GI = gastrointestinal
IABP = intra-aortic balloon pump(ing)
ICH = intracranial haemorrhage
IHD = ischaemic heart disease
IRA = infarct-related artery

ICE = intracardiac echocardiogram/echocardiography
IMA = internal mammary artery
IMR = ischaemic mitral regurgitation
LA = left atrium
LAD = left anterior descending
LCA = left coronary artery
LCX = left circumflex
LFA = left femoral artery
LFV = left femoral vein
LICA = left internal carotid artery
LIMA = left internal mammary artery
LM = left main
LV = left ventricle
LVAD = left ventricular assist device
MAC = mitral annular calcification
MB = Main branch
MI = myocardial infarction
MR = mitral regurgitation
MVD = multivessel disease
OAT = occluded artery trial
OFDI = optical frequency domain imaging
OHCA = out-of-hospital cardiac arrest
OM = obtuse marginal
PAD = peripheral artery disease
PAOD = peripheral arterial obstructive disease
PDA = posterior descending artery
PLV artery = posterior left ventricular artery
POBA = plain old balloon angioplasty
PPCI = primary PCI (for STEMI)
PTA = percutaneous transluminal angioplasty OR posterior tibial artery
PTMC = percutaneous transseptal* mitral commissurotomy (*or transvenous or transluminal)
PVL = paravalvular leak
QCA = quantitative coronary angiography
RA = right atrium
RCA = right coronary artery / RCA-P = right coronary artery-P
RCT = randomised controlled trial
RFA = right femoral artery
RFV = right femoral vein
RICA = right internal carotid artery

RIMA = right internal mammary artery
RPDA = right posterior descending artery
SB = side branch
SFA = superficial femoral artery
TA = transapical
TAA = thoracic aortic aneurysm
TASC = TransAtlantic Inter-Society Consensus
TF = transfemoral
TIA = transient ischaemic attack
TRI = transradial intervention
TS = transseptal
VARC = valve academic research consortium
VCD = vascular closure devices
VH = virtual histology
ViV = valve-in-valve