

Acronym / Term

Meaning

A&E	Accident and Emergency
A–E Assessment	Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Disability, Exposure assessment
AKI	Acute Kidney Injury
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
BLS	Basic Life Support
BM	Blood Glucose Monitoring (Blood Sugar Check)
BVM	Bag Valve Mask
CCOT	Critical Care Outreach Team
CDU	Clinical Decisions Unit
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CTPA	CT Pulmonary Angiogram
D&V	Diarrhoea and Vomiting
DIB	Difficulty in Breathing
DNA/CPR or DNACPR	Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
ED	Emergency Department
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat
GP	General Practitioner
GSW	Gunshot Wound
HCA	Healthcare Assistant
HR	Heart Rate
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
ITU	Intensive Therapy Unit
IV	Intravenous
LD	Learning Disability
MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
MERIT / MERT	Medical Emergency Response Team
NEWS	National Early Warning Score

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NHS	National Health Service
NiBP	Non-invasive Blood Pressure
NIC	Nurse in Charge
NIV	Non-Invasive Ventilation
NMC	Nursing and Midwifery Council
NQN	Newly Qualified Nurse
O₂	Oxygen
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PE	Pulmonary Embolism
PEEP	Positive End Expiratory Pressure
PRN	Pro Re Nata ("as required" medication)
RR	Respiratory Rate
SpO₂	Peripheral Oxygen Saturation
T/O or Obs	Observations
Ventouse Delivery	Assisted vaginal delivery using suction device

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Hospital Passport	Personalised document used to support care for people with learning disabilities/autism
Role 2 Field Hospital	Forward military medical facility providing emergency surgery and critical care
Stepdown Patient	Patient transferred from intensive care to lower level monitoring
Supernumerary	Additional learner staff member not counted in staffing numbers
Toxic Dose	Medication amount capable of causing serious harm
Restrictive Practice	Intervention limiting a person's freedom or autonomy for safety reasons