

## Index of abbreviations

AAMC – Australian Army Medical Corps  
AB – *Artium Baccaureus*, Bachelor of Arts  
Aberd – Aberdeen  
ABPI – Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry  
AC – Companion, Order of Australia  
AD – Dame of the Order of Australia; *Anno Domini* (in the year of our Lord)  
ADC – Aide-de-camp  
AD Corps – Army Dental Corps (now RADC)  
Ad eund – *Ad eundem gradum* (to the same degree – of the admission of a graduate of one university [or institution] to the same degree at another without examination)  
Adm – Admiral  
A&E – Accident and Emergency  
AEAF – Allied Expeditionary Air Force  
AER – Army Emergency Reserve  
AFC – Air Force Cross  
AFM – Air Force Medal  
AGH – Australian General Hospital  
AHA – Area Health Authority  
AHQ – Army Headquarters  
AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
AIF – Australian Imperial Force  
AK – Knight of the Order of Australia  
AKC – Associate of King’s College, London  
AM – Member of the Order of Australia; *Artium Magister*, Master of Arts  
AMA – Australian Medical Association  
AMF – Australian Military Forces  
AMS – Army Medical Services  
Anat – Anatomy; Anatomical  
Anon – Anonymous; Anonymously  
ANU – Australian National University  
AO – Officer of the Order of Australia  
ARA – Associate of the Royal Academy of Arts  
Asst – Assistant

b – born  
BA – Bachelor of Arts  
BAO – *Baccaureus Artis Obstetricae*, Bachelor of Obstetrics  
BAOMS – British Association of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgeons  
BAOR – British Army of the Rhine (formerly on the Rhine)  
BAOS – British Association of Oral Surgeons  
BAPS – British Association of Plastic Surgeons  
Bart – Baronet  
Barts – St Bartholomew's Hospital  
BBC – British Broadcasting Corporation  
BC – *Baccaureus Chirurgiæ*, Bachelor of Surgery  
BCh – *Baccaureus Chirurgiæ*, Bachelor of Surgery  
BChD – Bachelor of Dental Surgery  
BChir – *Baccaureus Chirurgiæ*, Bachelor of Surgery  
BCL – Bachelor of Civil Law

BCOG – British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

BD – Bachelor of Divinity

BDA – British Dental Association

BEF – British Expeditionary Force

B ès L – Bachelier ès Lettres, Bachelor of Arts

BEM – British Empire Medal

B ès S – Bachelier ès Sciences, Bachelor of Sciences

BHF – British Heart Foundation

Birm – Birmingham

BL – Bachelor of Law; British Library

BLitt – Bachelor of Letters

BM – *Baccalaureus Medicinæ*, Bachelor of Physic

BMA – British Medical Association

BMedSci – Bachelor of Medical Science

BMH – British Military Hospital

*BMJ – British Medical Journal*

BPA – British Paediatric Association

BRCS – British Red Cross Society

Brig – Brigadier

Brux – Brussels

BS ChB – Bachelor of Surgery

BSc – Bachelor of Science

Bt – Baronet

BUPA – British United Provident Association

BWI – British West Indies

c – *circa* (about)

Camb – Cambridge

CAMC – Canadian Army Medical Corps

Cantab – *Cantabrigiensis* (of Cambridge)

CAPD – Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis

Capt – Captain

CB – Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath

CBE – Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

CB (Mil) – Companion of the Military Division of the Order of the Bath

CC – Companion of the Order of Canada

CCS – Casualty Clearing Station

C of E – Church of England

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

CH – Companion of Honour

Chap – Chaplain

ChB – *Chirurgiæ Baccalaureus*, Bachelor of Surgery

ChM – *Chirurgiæ Magister*, Master of Surgery

Chm – Chairman or Chairwoman

C of I – Church of Ireland

CIE – Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire

CM – *Chirurgiæ Magister*, Master of Surgery; Member of the Order of Canada

CMA – Canadian Medical Association

CMG – Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George

CMJ – Commander of the Supreme Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

CMO – Chief Medical Officer

CMS – Church Missionary Society  
CND – Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament  
CNZM – Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit  
Co – Company; County  
CO – Commanding Officer  
Col – Colonel  
Comd – Command  
Co-op – Co-operative  
Corp – Corporation; Corporal  
Corresp Mem – Corresponding Member  
COS – Chief of Staff  
CP – Cape Province  
CPCH – College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
CPD – Continuing Professional Development  
CPRE – Campaign to Protect Rural England (formerly Council for the Protection of Rural England)  
CPS – Crown Prosecution Service  
CRC – Cancer Research Campaign  
CRUK – Cancer Research United Kingdom  
C of S – Church of Scotland  
CSI – Companion of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India  
CSO – Chief Scientific Officer  
CStJ – Commander of the Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem  
CT – Computerised Tomography  
CU – Cambridge University  
CUP – Cambridge University Press  
CVO – Commander of the Royal Victorian Order

d – died

DA – Diploma in Anaesthetics  
DBE – Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire  
DC – District of Columbia  
DCB – Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath  
DCh – Doctor of Surgery  
DCH – Diploma in Child Health  
DCL – Doctor of Civil Law  
DCMG – Dame Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George  
DCSG – Dame Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great  
DCVO – Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order  
DD – Doctor of Divinity  
DDSM – Defense Distinguished Service Medal  
decd – deceased  
DenM – Docteur en Médecine  
Dep – Deputy  
DFC – Distinguished Flying Cross  
DFM – Distinguished Flying Medal  
DFPHM – Diplomate Member, Faculty of Public Health Medicine  
DG – Director-General Army Medical Service  
DGCHS – Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
DGMS – Director General of Medical Services  
DGStJ – Dame of Grace of the Order of St John of Jerusalem  
DHA – District Health Authority

Dhc or DHC – Doctor *honoris causa*  
DHMSA – Diploma in the History of Medicine of the Society of Apothecaries  
DHQ – District Headquarters  
DHSS – Department of Health and Social Security  
DHS – Dame of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
DHy – Doctor of Hygiene  
DIH – Diploma in Industrial Health  
Dip Bact – Diploma in Bacteriology  
DipMed – Diploma in Medicine  
DJstJ – Dame of Justice of the Order of St John of Jerusalem  
DL – Deputy Lieutenant  
DLit or DLitt – Doctor of Literature; Doctor of Letters  
DLO – Diploma in Laryngology and Otology  
DM – Doctor Medicinæ, Doctor of Physic  
DMed – Doctor of Medicine  
DMedSci – Doctor of Medical Science  
DMJ – Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence  
DML – Dame of Merit of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem  
DMR – Diploma in Medical Radiology  
DMRD – Diploma in Medical Radio Diagnosis  
DMRE – Diploma in Medical Radiology and Electrolgy  
DMRT – Diploma in Medical Radiotherapy  
DMS – Director of Medical Services  
DNA – Deoxyribonucleic acid  
*DNB – Dictionary of National Biography*  
DO – Diploma in Ophthalmology  
DObst – Diploma in Obstetrics  
DOH or DoH – Department of Health  
DOMS – Diploma in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery  
DOrthRCS – Diploma in Orthodontics, Royal College of Surgeons  
DPH – Diploma in Public Health  
DPh or DPhil – Doctor of Philosophy  
DPhilMed – Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine  
DPhysMed – Diploma in Physical Medicine  
DPM – Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine; Diploma in Psychological Medicine  
DPMSA – Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine of the Society of Apothecaries  
Dr – Doctor  
DRCOG – Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
DSc – Doctor of Science  
DSC – Distinguished Service Cross  
DSG – Dame of the Order of St Gregory the Great  
DSM – Distinguished Service Medal  
DSO – Companion of the Distinguished Service Order  
DSS – Department of Social Security  
DStJ – Dame of Grace, Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem; Dame of Justice, Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem  
DTH – Diploma in Tropical Hygiene  
DTM – Diploma in Thoracic Medicine; Diploma in Tropical Medicine  
DTM&H – Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
Dub – Dublin  
Durh –Durham

e – eldest

EACR – European Association for Cancer Research

EASD – European Association for the Study of Diabetes

EC – European Community; European Commission

ECFMG – Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

ECG – Electrocardiogram

ed – edited

Ed, Edin – Edinburgh

Edn – Edition

EEC – European Economic Community

EEF – Egyptian Expeditionary Force

EEG – Electroencephalogram

EMS – Emergency Medical Service

Eng – England

ENT – Ear, Nose and Throat

EO – Executive Officer

ESC – European Society of Cardiology

EU – European Union

Ext – Extinct; External

Ext LRCP – Extra-Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians

FACC – Fellow of the American College of Cardiology

FACCP – Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians

FACD – Fellow of the American College of Dentistry

FACDS – Fellow of the Australian College of Dental Surgeons

FACEM – Fellow of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

FACEP – Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians

FACOG – Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

FACP – Fellow of the American College of Physicians

FACR – Fellow of the American College of Radiology

FACS – Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

FAHA – Fellow of the American Heart Association

FAMSI – Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences of India

FANZCA – Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

FAOrthA – Fellow of the Australian Orthopaedic Association

fasc – fascicula

FASc – Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences

FASCRS – Fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

FAustCOG – Fellow of the Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

FBA – Fellow of the British Academy

FBMA – Fellow of the British Medical Association

FCAnaes – Fellow of the College of Anaesthetists

FCARCSI – Fellow of the College of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

FCA(SA) – Fellow of the College of Anaesthetists (South Africa)

FCCP – Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians

FCEM – Fellow of the College of Emergency Medicine

FCGP – Fellow of the College of General Practitioners

FCM – Faculty of Community Medicine

FCMSA – Fellow of the College of Medicine of South Africa

FCOG(SA) – Fellow of the South African College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

FCOphth – Fellow of the College of Ophthalmologists  
FCPath – Fellow of the College of Pathologists  
FCPCH – Fellow of the College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
FCPS – Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons  
FCP(SoAf) – Fellow of the College of Physicians, South Africa  
FCPSO(SoAf) – Fellow of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Obstetricians, South Africa  
FCRA – Fellow of the College of Radiologists of Australia  
FCS – Fellow of the Chemical Society  
FCSHK – Fellow of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong  
FCS (SAf) or FCSSA – Fellow of the College of Surgeons of South Africa  
FCSSL – Fellow of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka  
FC Urol SA – Fellow of the Royal College of Urologists (South Africa)  
FDS – Fellow in Dental Surgery  
FDSRCPGlas – Fellow in Dental Surgery, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
FDSRCS or FDS RCS – Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England  
FDSRCSE – Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh  
FESC – Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology  
FETCS – Fellow of the European Board of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons  
FFA – Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists  
FFAEM – Fellow of the Faculty of Accident and Emergency Medicine  
FFARACS – Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
FFARCS – Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons  
FFARCSI – Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
FFA(SA) – Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists (South Africa)  
FFCM – Fellow of the Faculty of Community Medicine  
FFDRCSI – Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
FFFP – Fellow of the Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
FFGDP(UK) – Fellow of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners of the Royal College of Surgeons  
FFICM – Fellow of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine  
FFOM – Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine  
FFPH – Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health  
FFPHM – Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine  
FFPM – Fellow of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine  
FFPRHC – Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologist  
FFP&S – Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons  
FFR – Fellow of the Faculty of Radiologists  
FFR RCSI – Fellow of the Faculty of Radiologists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
FGS – Fellow of the Geological Society  
FHKAM – Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine  
FHKCS – Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Surgeons  
FIASc – Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences  
FIBiol – Fellow of the Institute of Biology  
FIC – Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry  
FICOG – Fellow of the Indian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
FICS – Fellow of the International College of Surgeons  
FIGO – International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics  
FInstBiol – Fellow of the Institute of Biology  
FKC – Fellow of King's College  
FKCHMS – Fellow of King's College Hospital Medical School

FKQCPI – Fellow of the King’s and Queen’s College of Physicians, Ireland  
FLS – Fellow of the Linnean Society  
FMedSci – Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences  
FMS – Fellow of the Medical Society  
FO – Field Officer; Flying Officer  
FPA – Family Planning Association  
FPH – Faculty of Public Health  
FPHM – Faculty of Public Health Medicine  
FPM – Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine  
FPS – Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society  
FRACDS – Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons  
FRACGP – Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners  
FRACOG – Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
FRACO – Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists  
FRACP – Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians  
FRACR – Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Radiologists  
FRACS – Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
FRAI – Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute  
FRANZCOG – Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
FRANZCR – Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists  
FRCA – Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists  
FRCGP – Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners  
FRCOG – Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
FRCOphth – Fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists  
FRCP – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians  
FRCPath – Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists  
FRCPCC – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada  
FRCPCH – Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
FRCP Edin or Ed – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh  
FRCP Glasg – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
FRCPi – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland  
FRCPs – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
FRCP&S (Canada) – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada  
FRCPsych – Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists  
FRCR – Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists  
FRCS – Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England  
FRCS(C) – Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada  
FRCS Ed – Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh  
FRCS Glasg – Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
FRCSI – Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
FRCS(T) – Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand  
FRCVS – Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons  
FRFPS – Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
FRES – Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society  
FRGS – Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society  
FRIC – Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry  
FRMedSoc – Fellow of the Royal Medical Society  
FRMS – Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society  
FRPharmS – Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

FRS – Fellow of the Royal Society  
FRSA – Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts  
FRSC – Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry  
FRSE – Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh  
FRSNZ – Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand  
FRSocMed – Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine  
FRVC – Fellow of the Royal Veterinary College  
FSA – Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries  
FSACOG – Fellow of the South African College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
FSLCOG – Fellow of the Sri Lankan College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
FSOGC – Fellow of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada  
FSS – Fellow of the Statistical Society  
FZS – Fellow of the Zoological Society

GB – Great Britain  
GBE – Knight or Dame of the Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire  
GC – George Cross  
GCB – Knight or Dame of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath  
GCH – Knight of the Grand Cross of the Hanoverian Order  
GCIE – Knight Grand Cross of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire  
GCLJ – Grand Cross of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem  
GCMG – Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George  
GCSG – Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Gregory the Great  
GCSI – Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India  
GCSJ – Knight Grand Cross of Justice of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem (Knights Hospitaller)  
GCStG – Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St George  
GCStJ – Bailiff or Dame of the Grand Cross of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem  
GCVO – Knight or Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order  
GDC – General Dental Council  
Gen – General  
GHQ – General Headquarters  
GI – Gastrointestinal  
GKT – Guy's, King's and St Thomas's (Medical and Dental School of King's College London)  
GLA – Greater London Authority  
Gla – Glasgow  
GLC – Greater London Council  
GM – George Medal; genetically modified  
GMC – General Medical Council  
GOMLJ – Grand Officer of Merit of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem  
Gov – Governor  
Govt – Government  
GP – General Practitioner

HA – Health Authority  
Harv – Harvard  
hc – *honoris causa* (honorary)  
HDD – Higher Dental Diploma  
HEIC – Honourable East India Company



HH – His or Her Highness, Holiness  
HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
HM – His or Her Majesty  
HMHS – His or Her Majesty’s Hospital Ship  
HMS – His or Her Majesty’s Ship  
HMSO – His (Her) Majesty’s Stationery Office  
H of C – House of Commons  
H of L – House of Lords  
Hon – Honorary; Honourable  
Hons – Honours in a university examination  
HP – House physician  
HPA – Health Protection Agency  
HQ – Headquarters  
HR – Human Resources  
HRH – His or Her Royal Highness  
HS – House surgeon

I – Ireland

IAMC – Indian Army Medical Corps  
ib or ibid – *ibidem* (in the same place)  
i/c – in charge; in command  
ICI – Imperial Chemical Industries  
ICRC – International Committee of the Red Cross  
ICRF – Imperial Cancer Research Fund  
ICSM – Imperial College School of Medicine  
ICSTM – Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London  
ILO – International Labour Office; International Labour Organization  
Imp – Imperial  
IMS – Indian Medical Service  
Inst – Institute  
IQ – Intelligence Quotient  
IRA – Irish Republican Army  
Is – Island(s)  
ISAKOS – International Society for Arthroscopy and Knee Surgery  
ISC – Imperial Service College, Haileybury; Indian Staff Corps  
ISO – Imperial Service Order; International Organization for Standardization  
IVF – in vitro fertilisation

JCR – junior common room  
JD – Doctor of Jurisprudence  
JP – Justice of the Peace  
Jr – junior  
Jun – junior

KAR – King’s African Rifles  
KBE – Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire  
KBE (mil) – Knight Commander of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire  
KC – King’s Counsel  
KCB – Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath  
KCGSJ – Knight Commander of Magisterial Grace of the Order of St John of Jerusalem (Knights Hospitaller)

KCH – Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order (conferred from 1815-1837);  
King's College Hospital  
KCHS – Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
KCIE – Knight Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire  
KCJSJ – Knight Commander of Justice of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem (Knights  
Hospitaller)  
KCL – King's College London  
KCLJ – Knight Commander of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem  
KCMG – Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George  
KCSG – Knight Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great  
KCSHS – Knight Commander with Star of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
KCSI – Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India  
KCSJ – Knight Commander of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem  
KCVO – Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order  
KG – Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter  
KGCHS – Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
KGSJ – Knight of Grace of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem (Knights Hospitaller)  
KGStJ – Knight of Grace of the Order of St John of Jerusalem  
KH – Knight of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order  
KHDS – King's Honorary Dental Surgeon  
KHP – King's Honorary Physician  
KHS – King's Honorary Surgeon; Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre  
KiH – Kaiser-i-Hind  
KJSJ – Knight of Justice of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem (Knights Hospitaller)  
KJStJ – Knight of Justice of the Order of St John of Jerusalem  
KLI – King's Light Infantry, Shropshire Regiment  
KLJ – Knight of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem  
KM – Knight of Malta  
KMJ – Knight of the Supreme Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem  
KMLJ – Knight of Merit of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem  
KOSB – King's Own Scottish Borderers  
KP – Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St Patrick  
KSG – Knight of the Order of St Gregory the Great  
KSJ – Knight of the Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem (Knights Hospitaller)  
KSS – Knight of the Order of St Sylvester  
KStJ – Knight Commander of the Order of St John of Jerusalem  
Kt – Knight Bachelor  
KT – Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle

LAH – Licentiate of Apothecaries' Hall, Dublin  
LBC – London Borough Council  
LCC – London County Council  
LCh – Licentiate in Surgery  
LCPS – Licentiate Certified Physician and Surgeon  
LDS – Licentiate in Dental Surgery  
LDV – Local Defence Volunteers  
LFPS – Licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons  
LG – Lady Companion of the Order of the Garter  
Lieut – Lieutenant  
Lit – Literature; Literary  
LitD – Doctor of Literature; Doctor of Letters

Lit Hum – *Literæ Humaniores*, the Honours Course in Classics at Oxford  
LittD – Doctor of Literature; Doctor of Letters  
Liverp – Liverpool  
LKQCPI – Licentiate of the King’s and Queen’s College of Physicians, Ireland  
LLB – Bachelor of Laws  
LLD – Doctor of Laws  
LM – Licentiate in Midwifery  
LMC – Local Medical Committee  
LMCC – Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada  
LM Coombe – Licentiate in Midwifery, Coombe Hospital, Dublin  
LM Dub – Licentiate in Midwifery of the Dublin Lying-in Hospital  
LMed – Licentiate in Medicine  
LMRCP – Licentiate in Midwifery of the Royal College of Physicians  
LM Rotunda – Licentiate in Midwifery of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin  
LMS, LM and S – Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery  
LMSSA – Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery of the Society of Apothecaries, London  
Lond – London  
LPO – London Philharmonic Orchestra  
LRCP – Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians  
LRCPE – Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh  
LRCPI – Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland  
LRCPSGlas – Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
LRCP and S – Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons  
LRCS – Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons  
LRCSE – Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh  
LRCSI – Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
LRFPS – Licentiate of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons  
LSA – Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, London  
LSHTM – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
LSO – London Symphony Orchestra  
LSS – Licentiate in Sanitary Science  
LSSc – Licentiate in Sanitary Science  
Lt – Lieutenant  
Lt Col – Lieutenant Colonel  
Lt Gen – Lieutenant General

m – married

MA – Master of Arts; military assistant  
MAB – Metropolitan Asylums Board  
Maj Gen – Major General  
Man – Manitoba  
MAO – Magister Artis Obstetricæ, Master of Obstetrics  
MB – Bachelor of Medicine  
MB ChB – Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery  
MBCOG – Member of the British Council of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
MBE – Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire  
MC – Military Cross; Master of surgery  
MCC – Marylebone Cricket Club  
MCh – Master of Surgery  
MChir – Master of Surgery

MCh (Orth) – Master in Orthopaedic Surgery  
MCOphth – Member of the College of Ophthalmologists  
MCPS – Member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons  
MD – Doctor of Medicine  
MDS – Master of Dental Surgery  
MDS – Master of Dental Surgery  
MDU – Medical Defence Union  
MEC – Middle East Command  
Med Lic – Medical Licentiate  
Melb – Melbourne  
MEP – Member of the European Parliament  
MFAEM – Member of the Faculty of Accident and Emergency Medicine  
MFGDP – Member of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners, Royal College of Surgeons  
MFOM – Member of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine  
MFPH – Member of the Faculty of Public Health  
MFPHM – Member of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine  
MFPM – Member of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine  
MGDSRCS – Member in General Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons  
MGO – Master of Gynaecology and Obstetrics  
Mich – Michigan  
Mil – Military  
Min – Ministry  
M&LSA – Member and Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, London  
MLitt – Master of Letters  
MM – Military Medal  
MMEd – Master in Medical Education  
MMedSci – Master in Medical Science  
MML – Master in Medical Law  
MMR – Mass Miniature Radiography  
MMSA – Master of Midwifery of the Society of Apothecaries  
MND – Motor Neurone Disease  
MO – Medical Officer  
MoD – Ministry of Defence  
Mods – Moderations, the intermediate examination of the Arts Degree at Oxford  
MOH – Medical Officer(s) of Health  
MOrthRCS – Member in Orthodontics, Royal College of Surgeons  
MP – Member of Parliament  
MPS – Member of the Pharmaceutical Society; Medical Protection Society  
MRACGP – Member of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners  
MRACP – Member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians  
MRACS – Member of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
MRad – Master of Radiology  
MRC – Medical Research Council  
MRCA – Member of the Royal College of Anaesthetists  
MRCGP – Member of the Royal College of General Practitioners  
MRCOG – Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
MRCOphth – Member of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists  
MRCP – Member of the Royal College of Physicians  
MRCPPath – Member of the Royal College of Pathologists  
MRCPCH – Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
MRCP Edin – Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

MRCP Glas – Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow  
MRCPI – Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland  
MRCPsych – Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists  
MRCS – Member of the Royal College of Surgeons  
MRCS Edin – Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh  
MRCSI – Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
MRCVS – Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons  
MRes – Master of Research  
MRI – Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
MRIA – Member of the Royal Irish Academy  
MRIC – Member of the Royal Institute of Chemistry  
MRPharmS – Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society  
MRSC – Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry  
MRSocMed – Member of the Royal Society of Medicine  
MS – Master of Surgery; Multiple Sclerosis  
MS or MSS – manuscript, manuscripts  
MSA – Member of the Society of Apothecaries  
MSc – Master of Science  
Mt – Mount; Mountain  
MVO – Member of the Royal Victorian Order

N – north

Nat Sci School – the final honours degree examinations in science at Oxford

NHS – National Health Service

NHSU – National Health Service University

NICE – National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (formerly National Institute of Clinical Excellence, then National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence)

NIH – National Institutes of Health (US)

NMC – Nursing and Midwifery Council

NPk – Nishan-e-Pakistan

NPL – National Physical Laboratory

NSW – New South Wales

NUI – National University of Ireland

NY – New York

NZ – New Zealand

NZEF – New Zealand Expeditionary Force

NZTF – New Zealand Territorial Force

OAM – Medal of the Order of Australia

OAP – old age pensioner

OBE – Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

OC or o/c – officer commanding

OC – Officer of the Order of Canada

OCTU – Officer Cadet Training Unit

OECD – Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

O i/c – officer in charge

OM – Order of Merit

OMI – Oblate of Mary Immaculate

OMLJ – Officer of the Order of Merit, Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem

Ont – Ontario

ONZ – Order of New Zealand

ONZM – Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit  
OstJ – Officer of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem  
OSUK – Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom  
OTC – Officers’ Training Corps  
OU – Oxford University; Open University  
OUP – Oxford University Press  
Oxf – Oxford  
Oxon – *Oxoniensis* (of Oxford)

p, pp – page, pages  
PA – Personal Assistant; Pakistan Army  
PC – Privy Councillor  
PCT – Primary Care Trust  
PDipHEd – Postgraduate Diploma in Health Education  
Penns – Pennsylvania  
PET – Positron Emission Tomography  
PFI – Private Finance Initiative  
PhD – *Philosophiæ Doctor*, Doctor of Philosophy  
PHLS – Public Health Laboratory Service  
Phys – Physical  
pinx – *pinxit* (he painted it)  
PLAB – Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board  
PLC or plc – public limited company  
PMedSci – President of the Academy of Medical Sciences  
PMETB – Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board  
PMO – Principal Medical Officer  
P and O – Peninsular and Oriental  
PO – Post Office  
P&OSNC – Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company  
Pop – Population  
POW – Prisoner of War; Prince of Wales’s  
PP – Past President  
PQ – Province of Quebec  
PRCP – President of the Royal College of Physicians  
PRCS – President of the Royal College of Surgeons  
Pres – President  
PRO – Public Relations Office; Public Records Office  
PRS – President of the Royal Society  
PSGB – Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain  
PWO – Prince of Wales’s Own

QAIMNS – Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service  
QARANC – Queen Alexandra’s Royal Army Nursing Corps  
QARNNS – Queen Alexandra’s Royal Naval Nursing Service  
QC – Queen’s Counsel  
QHDS – Queen’s Honorary Dental Surgeon  
QHP – Queen’s Honorary Physician  
QHS – Queen’s Honorary Surgeon  
Qld – Queensland  
Qly – Quarterly  
QMG – Quartermaster General

QUB – Queen’s University, Belfast  
QUI – Queen’s University of Ireland  
QUI, RUI – Queen’s or Royal University of Ireland  
qv – *quod vide* (which see)

(R) – Reserve  
RA – Royal Academy; Royal Academician  
RAAF – Royal Australian Air Force  
RAAMC – Royal Australian Army Medical Corps  
RACDS – Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons  
RACO – Royal Australian College of Ophthalmology  
RACOG – Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
RACP – Royal Australasian College of Physicians  
RACS – Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
RADC – Royal Army Dental Corps  
RAF – Royal Air Force  
RAFA – Royal Air Force Association  
RAFMS – Royal Air Force Medical Services  
RAFVR – Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
RAMC – Royal Army Medical Corps  
RAN – Royal Australian Navy  
RANR – Royal Australian Naval Reserve  
RANVR – Royal Australian Naval Volunteer Reserve  
RBL – Royal British Legion  
RC – Roman Catholic  
RCAF – Royal Canadian Air Force  
RCAMC – Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps  
RCAnaes – Royal College of Anaesthetists  
RCGP – Royal College of General Practitioners  
RCN – Royal Canadian Navy; Royal College of Nursing  
RCOG – Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
RCP – Royal College of Physicians of London  
RCPATH – Royal College of Pathologists  
RCPCH – Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
RCPE or RCPEd or RCP Edin – Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh  
RCPI – Royal College of Physicians in Ireland  
RCPS – Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons  
RCPSG – Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow  
RCPsych – Royal College of Psychiatrists  
RCR – Royal College of Radiologists  
RCS – Royal College of Surgeons  
RCSE or RCSEd or RCS Edin – Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh  
RCSI – Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
RCVS – Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons  
RD – Reserve Decoration  
RDC or UDC – Rural or Urban District Council  
Rear Adm – Rear Admiral  
RE – Royal Engineers  
REF – Research Excellence Framework  
Regt – Regiment  
Rev – Reverend; Review

RFA – Royal Field Artillery  
RFC – Royal Flying Corps  
RFD – Reserve Force Decoration  
RFH – Royal Free Hospital  
RFPS(G) – Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow  
RGA – Royal Garrison Artillery  
RHB – Regional Hospital Board  
RHF – Royal Highland Fusiliers  
RIBA – Royal Institute of British Architects  
RMC – Royal Military College Sandhurst  
RMedSoc – Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh  
RMO – Resident Medical Officer; Regimental Medical Officer  
RMPA – Royal Medico-Psychological Association  
RN – Royal Navy  
RNR – Royal Naval Reserve  
RNVR – Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve  
RNZAF – Royal New Zealand Air Force  
RNZN – Royal New Zealand Navy  
RNZNVR – Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve  
ROI – (Fellow of the) Royal Institute of Painters in Oils  
RPMS – Royal Postgraduate Medical School  
RPO – Royal Philharmonic Orchestra  
RPS – Royal Photographic Society  
RPSGB – Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain  
RRC – Royal Red Cross  
RSA – Royal Scottish Academy  
RSE – Royal Society of Edinburgh  
RSM – Royal Society of Medicine  
RSPH – Royal Society for Public Health  
RSTM&H – Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
RTR – Royal Tank Regiment  
Rt rev – Right Reverend  
RUI – Royal University of Ireland  
RVC – Royal Veterinary College  
RWS – (Member of the) Royal Watercolour Society

SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee  
SAMC – South African Medical Corps  
SAS – Special Air Service  
ScD – Doctor of Science  
Sch – School  
SEAC – South-East Asia Command  
SEATO – South-East Asia Treaty Organization  
SEN – State Enrolled Nurse; Special Educational Needs  
Senior Opt – Senior Optime, the 2nd Class in the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge  
Sheff – Sheffield  
SHO – Senior House Officer  
SHMO – Senior House Medical Officer  
SJ – Society of Jesus (a Jesuit father in the Catholic Church)  
SMO – Senior Medical Officer  
SNP – Scottish National Party



Soc – Society  
SOE – Special Operations Executive  
SOM – Society of Occupational Medicine  
SPMO – Senior Principal Medical Officer  
Sqdn or Sqn – Squadron  
SRN – State Registered Nurse  
SS – Steamship  
St And – St Andrews  
Surg – Surgeon

T – Territorial Force  
TA – Territorial Army  
TAA – Territorial Army Association  
T&AVR – Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve  
TB – Tuberculosis  
TCD – Trinity College, Dublin  
TD – Territorial Decoration  
TF – Territorial Force  
TfL – Transport for London  
TFR – Territorial Force Reserve  
T(M) – Trained medically  
Tor – Toronto  
Trans – Translation; Translated  
Tripos – the final honours degree at Cambridge  
T(S) – Trained surgically

UAE – United Arab Emirates  
UC – University College  
UCD – University College Dublin  
UCH – University College Hospital (London)  
UCL – University College London  
UCLA – University of California at Los Angeles  
UCLH – University College London Hospital  
UFC – Universities Funding Council  
UK – United Kingdom  
UKCCR – United Kingdom Co-ordinating Committee on Cancer Research  
UN – United Nations  
UNCAST – United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology  
UNDP – United Nations Development Programme  
UNESCO or Unesco – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
UNFAO – United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation  
Univ – University  
UNO – United Nations Organization  
UNRRA – United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration  
UNRWA – United Nations Relief and Works Agency  
US – United States  
USA – United States of America  
USAAF – United States Army Air Forces  
USAF – United States Air Force  
USAID – United States Agency for International Development  
USAR – United States Army Reserve

U3A – University of the Third Age  
UWCM – University of Wales College of Medicine

v – *versus* (against)  
v or vid – *vide* (see)  
VAD – Voluntary Aid Detachment  
VC – Victoria Cross  
VD – Volunteer Officers' Decoration; Venereal Diseases  
Ven – Venerable  
VHS – Viceroy (of India's) Honorary Surgeon  
Vice Adm – Vice Admiral  
Vict – Victoria University of Manchester  
VIP – Very Important Person  
Visc – Viscount  
Vol – Volume; Voluntary; Volunteers  
VP – Vice President  
VR – Volunteer Reserve  
VRD – Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Officers' Decoration

WAAF – Women's Auxiliary Air Force  
W/Cdr – Wing Commander  
WHO – World Health Organization  
WI – West Indies  
Wits – Witwatersrand  
WLA – Women's Land Army  
WMA – World Medical Association  
WRNS – Women's Royal Naval Service  
WTO – World Trade Organization

YMCA – Young Men's Christian Association  
yrs – years  
YWCA – Young Women's Christian Association