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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AKI	: Acute kidney impairment
ALOS	: Average length of stay
APACHE	: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation
ARDS	: Acute respiratory distress syndrome
BOR	: Bed occupancy rate
BTR	: Bed turnover rate
CHD	: Coronary heart disease
COPD	: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
DKA	: Diabetic ketoacidosis
DM	: Diabetes mellitus
DVT	: Deep vein thrombosis
ED	: Emergency department
FIO₂	: Fraction of inspired oxygen
GCS	: Glasgow Coma Scale
GDP	: Gross Domestic Product
HAI_s	: Hospital acquired infections
ICU LOS	: Intensive care unit length of stay
ICU	: Intensive care unit
IHD	: Ischemic heart disease
IOM	: Institute of Medicine
ITP	: Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
MET	: Medical emergency team
NHS	: National Health Services
PaO₂	: Partial pressure of oxygen
SAPS	: Simplified Acute Physiology Score
SWIFT	: Stability and Workload Index for Transfer
US	: United States
WHO	: World Health Organization