

PAVE Qualifying Science Examination (QSE) Abbreviations

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METRIC UNITS					
cc	cubic centimeter	kL	kiloliter	mg	milligram
cm	centimeter	L	Liter	mL	milliliter
dL	deciliter	m ²	meter squared	mm	millimeter
g	gram	mcg or µg	microgram	mm ³	millimeter cubed
kg	kilogram	mEq	milliequivalent		

US CUSTOMARY UNITS OF MEASUREMENT							
c	cup	gr	grain	oz	ounce	T or Tbs	tablespoon
fl oz	fluid ounce	gtt	drops	pt	pint	t or tsp	teaspoon
gal	gallon	lb	pound	qt	quart		

SYMBOLS			
%	percent	°C	degree Celsius
>	greater than	°F	degree Fahrenheit
<	lesser than	#	number when placed in front of the numeral; i.e., #10 pound when placed behind the numeral; i.e., 10#

Ad lib	(as much as desired)	Ca	(calcium)
AD	(right ear)	cAMP	(Cyclic adenosine monophosphate)
ADP	(Adenosine diphosphate)	CBC	(complete blood count)
AGID	(Agar gel immunodiffusion test)	cGMP	(Cyclic guanosine monophosphate)
ALP	(Alkaline Phosphatase)	CK	(creatin kinase)
ALT	(alanine aminotransferase)	CNS	(central nervous system)
AMH	(Anti-Mullerian Hormone)	CO ₂	(carbon dioxide)
ANA	(Antinuclear antibody test)	COX-1	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)
AS	(left ear)	COX-2	(isoform of cyclo-oxygenase)
AST	(aspartate aminotransferase)	CRI	(constant rate infusion)
ATP	(Adenosine triphosphate)	CRT	(capillary refill time)
AU	(both ears)	CVP	(central venous pressure)
BAL	(Broncho alveolar lavage)	Cytochrome c	(cytochrome complex, or cyt c)
BAR	(bright, alert, responsive)	DNA	(Deoxyribonucleic acid)
BCS	(Body Condition Score)	eCG	(Equine Chorionic Gonadotropin)
bid	(2 times a day)	ECG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also EKG</i>
BSA	(body surface area)	EDTA	(ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)
BPM	(Breaths per minute)	EKG	(electrocardiogram) <i>see also ECG</i>
BUN	(blood urea nitrogen)	ELISA	(enzyme linked immunosorbant assay)

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ETCO ₂	(end tidal carbon dioxide)	NaCl	(sodium chloride)
FAD	(Flavin adenine dinucleotide)	NADH	(Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide)
FAMACHA	(Faffa Malan Chart)	NPO	(nothing by mouth/ nothing per os)
FeLV	(feline leukemia virus)	NRBC	(nucleated red blood cell)
FIP	(feline infectious peritonitis)	NSAID	(Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug)
FIV	(feline immunodeficiency virus)	O ₂	(oxygen)
FNA	(fine needle aspirate)	OD	(right eye)
F/S	(female spayed)	OHE	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OVH</i>
FSH	(Follicle/Stimulating Hormone)	OS	(left eye)
GABA	(Gamma amino butyric acid)	OU	(both eyes)
GGT	(Gamma Glutamyl Transferase)	OVH	(ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OHE</i>
GI	(gastrointestinal)	PaO ₂	(Arterial Oxygen)
GnRH	(Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone)	PGF ₂ α	(Prostaglandin F ₂ α)
HCG	(Human Chorionic Gonadotropin)	PCR	(polymerase chain reaction)
HCT	(hematocrit)	PCV	(packed cell volume)
Hgb	(hemoglobin)	PO	(per os - by mouth)
HPF	(high power field)	ppm	(parts per million)
ID	(intra-dermal)	PRN	(as needed)
IM	(intra-muscular)	psi	(pounds per sq. in.)
IO	(intra-osseous)	qd	(once a day)
IP	(intra-peritoneal)	qid	(4 times a day)
IPPV	(intermittent positive pressure ventilation)	RBC	(red blood cell)
IV	(intra-venous)	RDA	(right displaced abomasum)
K	(potassium)	RNA	(Ribonucleic acid)
kVp	(kilovolt peak)	rRNA	(ribosomal ribonucleic acid)
LCG	(Human Chorionic Gonadotropin)	SC	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SQ</i>
LDA	(left displaced abomasum)	SDH	(Sorbitol Dehydrogenase)
LH	(Luteinizing Hormone)	sid	(once a day)
LRS	(lactated ringer's solution)	SID	(source image distance)
MAP	(mean arterial pressure)	siRNA	(small interfering ribonucleic acid)
mA	(milliamperage)	Sp./spp.	(species)
mAs	(milliamperage seconds)	SPO ₂	(Peripheral Oxygen Saturation)
MCH	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin)	SQ	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SC</i>
MCHC	(mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration)	T ₃	(Triiodothyronine)
MCV	(mean corpuscular volume)	T ₄	(Thyroxin)
mm Hg	(millimeters of mercury)	tid	(3 times a day)
M/N	(male neutered)	TP	(total protein)
mRNA	(messenger ribonucleic acid)	TPR	(temperature, pulse, respiration)
		U/A	(urinalysis)

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WBC (white blood cell)

+RNA (transfer ribonucleic acid)