

PAVE Qualifying Science Examination (QSE) Abbreviations

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

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#

DENTAL FORMULA	
I	incisor
C	canine
PM	premolar
M	molar

SPINAL FORMULA	
C	cervical
T	thoracic
L	lumbar
S	Sacral
Cd	coccygeal/caudal

Ad lib	(as much as desired)	AU	(both ears)
AD	(right ear)	AV	(atrioventricular)
ADH	(anti-diuretic hormone)	BAL	(Broncho alveolar lavage)
ADP	(Adenosine diphosphate)	BAR	(bright, alert, responsive)
AGID	(Agar gel immunodiffusion test)	BCS	(Body Condition Score)
ALP	(Alkaline Phosphatase)	bid	(2 times a day)
ALT	(alanine aminotransferase)	BSA	(body surface area)
AMH	(Anti-Mullerian Hormone)	BPM	(Breaths per minute)
ANA	(Antinuclear antibody test)	BUN	(blood urea nitrogen)
AS	(left ear)	Ca	(calcium)
AST	(aspartate aminotransferase)	cAMP	(Cyclic adenosine monophosphate)
ATP	(Adenosine triphosphate)	CBC	(complete blood count)

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cGMP (Cyclic guanosine monophosphate)	IO (intraosseous)
CK (creatine kinase)	IP (intraperitoneal)
CN (cranial nerve)	IPPV (intermittent positive pressure ventilation)
CNS (central nervous system)	IV (intravenous)
CO ₂ (carbon dioxide)	K (potassium)
COX-1 (isoform of cyclo-oxygenase 1)	kVp (kilovolt peak)
COX-2 (isoform of cyclo-oxygenase 2)	LDA (left displaced abomasum)
CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation)	LH (Luteinizing Hormone)
CPCR (Cardio-Pulmonary-Cerebral-Resuscitation)	LRS (lactated ringer's solution)
CRI (constant rate infusion)	MAP (mean arterial pressure)
CRT (capillary refill time)	mA (milliamperage)
CVP (central venous pressure)	mAs (milliamperage seconds)
Cytochrome c (cytochrome complex, or cyt c)	MCH (mean corpuscular hemoglobin)
DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid)	MCHC (mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration)
eCG (Equine Chorionic Gonadotropin)	MCV (mean corpuscular volume)
ECG (electrocardiogram) <i>see also EKG</i>	MHz (megahertz)
EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid)	MHC (major histocompatibility complex)
EKG (electrocardiogram) <i>see also ECG</i>	mm Hg (millimeters of mercury)
ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbant assay)	M/N (male neutered)
ETCO ₂ (end tidal carbon dioxide)	mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid)
FAD (Flavin adenine dinucleotide)	NaCl (sodium chloride)
FAMACHA (Faffa Malan Chart)	NADH (Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide)
FeLV (feline leukemia virus)	NPO (nothing by mouth/ nothing per os)
FIP (feline infectious peritonitis)	nRBC (nucleated red blood cell)
FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus)	NSAID (Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug)
FNA (fine needle aspirate)	O ₂ (oxygen)
F/S (female spayed)	OD (right eye)
FSH (Follicle Stimulating Hormone)	OHE (ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OVH</i>
GABA (Gamma amino butyric acid)	OS (left eye)
GGT (Gamma Glutamyl Transferase)	OU (both eyes)
GI (gastrointestinal)	OVH (ovariohysterectomy) <i>see also OHE</i>
GnRH (Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone)	PaO ₂ (Arterial Oxygen)
hCG (Human Chorionic Gonadotropin)	PGF ₂ α (Prostaglandin F ₂ α)
HCT (hematocrit)	PCR (polymerase chain reaction)
Hgb (hemoglobin)	PCV (packed cell volume)
HPF (high power field)	PO (per os - by mouth)
ID (intra dermal)	ppm (parts per million)
IM (intramuscular)	PRN (as needed)

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psi	(pounds per sq. in.)
qd	(once a day)
qid	(4 times a day)
q(x)	(every x number of hours)
RBC	(red blood cell)
RDA	(right displaced abomasum)
RNA	(Ribonucleic acid)
rRNA	(ribosomal ribonucleic acid)
SA	(sinoatrial)
SC	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SQ</i>
SDH	(Sorbitol Dehydrogenase)
sid	(once a day)
SID	(source image distance)
siRNA	(small interfering ribonucleic acid)
Sp./spp.	(species)
SPO ₂	(Peripheral Oxygen Saturation)
SQ	(subcutaneous) <i>see also SC</i>
T ₃	(Triiodothyronine)
T ₄	(Thyroxin)
tid	(3 times a day)
TP	(total protein)
TPR	(temperature, pulse, respiration)
USDA APHIS	(U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)
U/A	(urinalysis)
WBC	(white blood cell)
tRNA	(transfer ribonucleic acid)