

Cystic Fibrosis our focus

Glossary

Acronyms used in cystic fibrosis peer review reports

Acronym	Definition	Notes
AC(T)	Airway clearance (techniques)	A term used in physiotherapy
ACB	Association of Clinical Biochemists	Professional group for appropriately qualified biochemists
ACPCF	Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Cystic Fibrosis	Professional group for appropriately qualified chartered physiotherapists working in cystic fibrosis
ACPRC	Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care	Professional group for appropriately qualified general respiratory physiotherapists
AHP	Allied Health Professional	NHS professionals – except doctors
AR	Annual Review	A once-yearly outpatient appointment usually held around the patient's birthday, to review the person's health over the previous 12 months
BC/BCC	<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> (complex)	Type of bacteria in found in the lungs of some people with CF
BMD	Bone mineral density	An assessment measuring the mineral/calcium density in a person's bones
BMI	Body mass index	A measurement of body fat, based on height and weight

BTS	British Thoracic Society	The professional body of respiratory specialists, including medical practitioners, nurses and scientists
CCT	Certificate of Completion of Training	Award to Specialist Registrars on completion of training
CFRD	Cystic fibrosis-related diabetes	Diabetes caused by cystic fibrosis
CFRLD	Cystic fibrosis-related liver disease	Liver disease caused by cystic fibrosis
CFNA	Cystic Fibrosis Nurses Association	Professional group for appropriately qualified specialist nurses working in cystic fibrosis
CFPG	Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy Group	Professional group for appropriately qualified specialist pharmacists working in cystic fibrosis
CME	Continual Medical Education	Skill development and training for NHS staff
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist	A member of the CF multidisciplinary team
CP	Clinical Psychologist	A member of the CF multidisciplinary team
CPD	Continued Professional Development	Ongoing training for NHS professional staff
CQR	Clinical Quality Review	Clinical review in the NHS
CQUIN	Commissioning for quality and innovation	A system for making a proportion of CF service income conditional on demonstrating improvements in quality and innovative practices in specified areas of CF care
DNase	Dornase Alpha	Pulmozyme medication – used in cystic fibrosis to break down DNA in mucus to enable ease of removal from the lungs
DXA	DEXA scan	A type of scan which measures bone density
ECFS	European Cystic Fibrosis Society	A society of European and international experts in all fields of CF research

ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat	Department within the NHS
FEV1	Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second	Volume of air expelled in the first second of a forced expiration
F1	Foundation Year 1	Foundation year's training programme for NHS doctors
FVC	Forced Vital Capacity	Volume of lungs from full inspiration to forced maximal expiration
HCA	Health Care Assistant	Support staff in hospitals who work under the guidance of qualified healthcare professionals
HDU	High Dependency Unit	A department within NHS hospitals
HPC	Health Professionals Council	UK-wide regulatory body which registers health professionals who meet its standards for training, professional skills, behaviour and health
IP	Inpatient	Adult or child receiving treatment in hospital on the ward
IV(AB)	Intra venous (antibiotics)	Antibiotics administered into a vein, via cannula or portacath
MDT	Multidisciplinary team	CF consultant, CF nurse, CF physiotherapist, CF dietitian, CF psychologist and CF social worker
MMT	Medicines Management Technician	Pharmacy technician who works under supervision of pharmacist, to supply medicines and products to patients
MRSA	Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus Aureus</i>	A bacterial infection
MSc	Master of Science	Degree qualification
M. Abscessus	<i>Mycobacterium Abscessus</i>	A bacterial infection
NACFC	North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference	A collaborative forum to advance research for the treatment of cystic fibrosis
NBS	Newborn screening	Screening of newborn children to establish possible genetic mutations
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence	Body providing national guidance and advice to improve health and social care
NTM	Non-tuberculous mycobacteria	A bacterial infection

NIV	Non-invasive ventilation	Positive pressure airway ventilation – used in acute and chronic respiratory failure and to aid the removal of mucus from the lungs
OP	Outpatient	Adult or child attending an outpatient clinic appointment
PA	<i>Pseudomonas Aeruginosa</i>	A bacterial infection
PA	Professional activity	Doctor's allocated time for patient care
PALS	Patient Advice & Liaison Service	Voluntary service within the NHS, providing information, help to solve problems and advice on making formal complaints, giving suggestions or passing on compliments to NHS services
PbR	Payment by Results	A tariff-based payment system in England under which commissioners pay healthcare providers for each patient seen or treated, taking into account the complexity of the patient's healthcare needs
PwCF	People with cystic fibrosis	
PDP	Professional development profile	Record of training/experience for NHS staff
PH	Portal Hypertension	High blood pressure in the portal vein system
RSM	Royal Society of Medicine	An independent, educational organisation for doctors, scientists and others involved in medical healthcare
SHO	Senior House Officer	A junior doctor undergoing training within a certain speciality in the NHS
SLA	Service Level Agreement	A contract used by the NHS services – it describes the service and standard provided and is used for funding purposes
SOP	Standard operating procedure	A means of helping to ensure consistency in standard of care in NHS/CF care
SpR	Specialist Registrar	A doctor receiving advanced training in a specialist field in the NHS in order to qualify as a consultant
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses,	A study undertaken by a NHS service or department to analyse its strengths,

	Opportunities/Threats	weaknesses, opportunities and threats.
TIDES	The International Depression/anxiety Epidemiological Study	A CF-specific study conducted at CF specialist centres and clinics, analysing a person's mental health
UKPP-CF	UK Psychosocial Professionals in CF	Professional group for appropriately qualified psychologists/social workers working in CF
UKCFPG	UK Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy Group	Professional group for appropriately qualified pharmacists working in CF
VTM	Viral transport medium	A swab-like device used for collecting and analysing potential viruses or bacteria
WR	Ward round	Usually twice-weekly formal assessment of inpatients by doctors, accompanied by other CF specialist MDT staff
WTE	Whole time equivalent	Unit describing the workload of NHS staff