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## ***Abbreviations***

AChE	Acetylcholinesterase
ACLS	Advanced cardiac life support
ALS	Advanced life support
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
BLS	Basic life support
CBPR	Community-based participatory research
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
DVD	Digital video disc
ETU	Emergency treatment unit
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ER	Emergency Room
GEE	Generalised estimating equations
HO	House officer
ILCOR	International liaisons committee on resuscitation
ICU	Intensive care unit
KT	Knowledge translation
LOQ	Limits of quantification
MCQ	Multiple choice question
MO	Medical officer
OP	Organophosphorus pesticide
OPD	Outpatient department
PAR	Participatory action research
PChE	Plasma cholinesterase, psuedocholinesterase or butyrylcholinesterse
PEFR	Peak expiratory flow rate
PGIM	Post graduate institute of medicine
POC	Point-of-care
RBC-AChE	Red blood cell acetylcholinesterase
RCT	Randomised controlled trial
SACTRC	South Asian clinical toxicology research collaboration
SHO	Senior House Officer
TTT	Train-the-trainer
WHO	World health organisation



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