

COMPREHENSIVE RXFILES ABBREVIATION LIST:

⊕: agonist ⊖: Sail Dialysis coverage SK

⊖: inhibitor or antagonist

¹: primary endpoint

²: secondary endpoint

5-ASA: 5-aminosalicyclic acid
(mesalamine)

5HT: serotonin

6MP: mercaptopurine

A

A1c: glycosylated hemoglobin

AAA: abdominal aortic aneurysm

AAP: American Academy Pediatrics

Ab: antibody

Abd: abdominal

ABX: antibiotic

AC: allocation concealment

ac: before meals

ACEI: angiotensin converting enzyme

ACh: anticholinergic

AChEi: acetylcholinesterase inhibitor

ACR: albumin:creatinine ratio

ACR: American College of Rheumatology

ACS: acute coronary syndrome

ADA: American Diabetes Association

ADAb: Antidrug antibodies

ADAS-cog: cognitive section of the
70 point Alzheimer's Disease
Assessment Scale

ADHD: attention deficit hyperactivity
disorder

ADJ: adjunctive

ADR: adverse drug reaction

ADT: androgen deprivation therapy

ADV: advantage

AE: adverse events

AECOPD: acute exacerbation of
COPD

AF/AFib: atrial fibrillation

AFL: atrial flutter

AHA: American Heart Association

AI: aromatase inhibitor

Al⁺⁺⁺: aluminum

Alb: albumin

AlOH: aluminum hydroxide

ALT: alanine aminotransferase

Alt: alternate

AKI: acute kidney injury

am: morning

AMG: aminoglycoside

AMIO: amiodarone

Amp: ampule

ANC: absolute neutrophil count

AnO: anorgasmia

Anti-TPO: antithyroid peroxidise
antibody

AOM: acute otitis media

AP-A: atypical antipsychotics

AP-C: conventional antipsychotic

ApoA1: apolipoprotein A1

ApoB: apolipoprotein B

aPTT: activated partial
thromboplastin time

ARB: angiotensin II receptor blocker

ARDS: acute respiratory distress
syndrome

ARI: absolute risk increase

ARNI: angiotensin receptor-
neprilisin inhibitor

ARR: absolute risk reduction

ART: antiretroviral therapy

ARV: antiretroviral

AS: ankylosing spondylitis

ASA: acetylsalicylic acid

ASCVD: atherosclerotic
cardiovascular disease

AST: aspartate aminotransferase
or alternate site testing

ASx: asymptomatic

ATA: American Thyroid Association

AV: atrioventricular

AVR: atrial valve repair

AZA: azathioprine

B

B₂: beta-2 receptor agonist

BB: beta-blocker

BBB: blood brain barrier

BCRP: breast cancer resistance protein

BF: breastfeeding

BG: blood glucose

BID: twice daily

BIS: bismuth

BMD: bone mineral density

BMI: body mass index

BMR: basal metabolic rate

BMS: bare metal stent

BNP: brain natriuretic peptide

BP: blood pressure

BPH: benign prostatic hyperplasia

BPO: benzoyl peroxide

BUN: blood urea nitrogen

Bup/nx: buprenorphine/naloxone

BZ or BZD: benzodiazepine

C

c: cartridge

C. diff: *Clostridium difficile*

C&S: culture & sensitivity

CA: cancer

Ca⁺⁺: calcium

CaAcetate: calcium acetate

CABG: coronary artery bypass graft

CAC: coronary artery calcification score

CaCarb: calcium carbonate

CAD: coronary artery disease

CADTH: Canadian Agency for Drugs
in Technology & Health

CAInh: carbonic anhydrase inhibitor

CA-MRSA: community associated
methicillin resistant

Staphylococcus aureus

CAP: community acquired pneumonia

cap: capsule

CBC: complete blood count

CBD: cannabidiol

CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy

CBTi: cognitive behavioral tx insomnia

CBZ: carbamazepine

CC: citalopram

cc: with food

CCB: calcium channel blocker

CCI: cell cycle inhibitor

CCS SAF: Canadian Cardiovascular
Society Severity in AF

CD: controlled delivery

CD: Crohn's Disease

CDAD: *Clostridoides difficile*-
associated diarrhea

CDN: Canadian

CDR: Common Drug Review

CEPH: cephalosporins

CER: control group event rate

CgA: chromogranin

CGI: Clinical Global Impression scale

CGM: continuous glucose monitoring

CHC: combined hormonal contraceptive

CHD: coronary heart disease

ChewT: chewable tablet

CHO: carbohydrate

chol: cholesterol

CI: confidence interval

CI: contraindicated

CIC: chronic idiopathic constipation

CIR: controlled ileal release

CIS: clinically isolated syndrome

CK: creatine kinase

CKD: chronic kidney disease

CNCP: chronic non-cancer pain

CNI: calcineurin inhibitors

CNS: central nervous system

COC: combined oral contraceptive

COMPUS: Canadian Optimal
Medication Prescribing and

Utilization Service (Now CADTH)

COPD: chronic obstructive
pulmonary disease

COX: cyclooxygenase enzyme

COXIB: selective cyclooxygenase

2 inhibitor

Cp: plasma level

CPA: cyproterone acetate

CPK: creatine phosphokinase

CPS: Compendium of
Pharmaceuticals & Specialties

CrCl: creatinine clearance

CR/MQ: conditional recommendation
/moderate quality evidence

CRF: chronic renal failure

crm: cream

CRP: C-reactive protein

CRT: cardiac resynchronization therapy

CSII: continuous subcutaneous

insulin infusion

CTZ: chemoreceptor trigger zone

CV: cardiovascular

CVA: cerebrovascular accident

CVD: cardiovascular disease

CXR: chest x-ray

CYP 450: cytochrome p 450 enzyme

CYP: cytochrome

D

d: day

D: diarrhea

DC: Diabetes Canada

D/C: discontinue(d)

D1,2,3,4: dopamine receptor types

Dopa: dopamine

DA: dopamine agonist

DAPT: dual antiplatelet therapy

DBP: diastolic blood pressure

DDVAP: desmopressin

DE: delayed or no ejaculation

DERM: dermatologic

DES: drug eluting stent

DHP: dihydropyridine

DHT: dihydrotestosterone

DI: drug interaction

Dig: digoxin

DIRA: Deficiency of the interleukin-1-receptor antagonist

DIS: disadvantage

DKA: diabetic ketoacidosis

DM: diabetes mellitus

DMPA: depot medroxyprogesterone acetate

DO : detrusor muscle overactivity

DOAC : direct oral anticoagulant

DOC: drug of choice

DPP4i: dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor

DRESS: drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms

DRI: direct renin inhibitor

DRSP: drug resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

E

E2: estradiol 17β

EAP: Exceptional Access Program

EBM: evidence based medicine

EBV: Epstein-Barr Virus

EC: emergency contraception

EC: enteric coated

ECG: electrocardiogram

ECT: electroconvulsive therapy

ED: erectile dysfunction

EDDP: 2-ethylidene-1,5-dimethyl-3,3-diphenylpyrrolidine

EDS: exception drug status

EE: ethinyl estradiol

EER: experimental event rate

EF: ejection fraction

eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate

EIB: exercise-induced bronchospasm

EN: each nostril

ENDR: endoscopic negative reflux dx

EPT: expedited partner therapy

EPS: extrapyramidal symptoms

ER: emergency room

ER: event rate or extended release

ESA: erythropoiesis stimulating agent

ESC: European Society of Cardiology

ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate

esp: especially

ESRD: end stage renal disease

ET: essential tremor

EtOH: alcohol

EU: European Union

F

F: bioavailability

f/u: follow-up

FABA: fast-acting beta-2 agonist

FAP: familial adenomatous polyposis

FAQ: Functional Activities

Questionnaire

FAS: fetal alcohol syndrome

FBG: fasting blood glucose

FDA: approved Food & Drug Admin.

Fe⁺⁺: iron

FeSO₄: ferrous sulfate

FEV₁: forced expiratory volume in 1 second

FGM: flash glucose monitoring

FGA: First-generation antipsychotic

FGS: Ferriman-Gallwey Score

FMT: fecal microbiota transplantation

FNAB: fine needle aspiration biopsy

FQ: fluoroquinolone

FSH: follicle stimulating hormone

FT: family therapy

FT4: free thyroxine

FTE: full time equivalent

FVC: forced vital capacity

Fx: function

G

G6PD: glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase

g: generic/biosimilar

g: grams

GA: gestational age

GAD: generalized anxiety disorder

GAS: Group A Streptococci

GC: glucocorticoid

GCA: Giant cell arteritis

GERD: gastroesophageal reflux disease

GestHTN: gestational hypertension

GFR: glomerular filtration rate

GH: growth hormone

GI: gastrointestinal

GIO: glucocorticoid induced osteoporosis

GLP1: glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist

GnRH: gonadotropin releasing hormone

GPA: granulomatosis with polyangiitis

grp: group

GT: genotype

GTC: generalized tonic clonic

GU: gastric ulcer

H

H. pylori: *Helicobacter pylori*

H₂O

ISH: isolated systolic hypertension

IPT: interpersonal therapy

ITT: intention to treat

IU: international units

IUD: intrauterine device

IV: intravenous

IVDU: intravenous drug user

IVIg: IV immunoglobulin

J:

JIA: juvenile idiopathic arthritis

JRA: juvenile rheumatoid arthritis

JVP: jugular venous pressure

K:

K⁺: potassium

L:

LA: long acting

LABA/ICS: LABA combination with an inhaled corticosteroid

LABA: long-acting beta-2 agonist

LA-DHP: long-acting dihydropyridine

LAIA: long-acting inj/insulin analogue

LAMA: long-acting muscarinic antagonist

BW: lean body weight

LD: loading dose

LDL: low density lipoprotein

LDUH: low dose unfractionated heparin

Levo: levonorgestrel

LFT: liver function test

LGS: Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome

LH: luteinizing hormone

Li⁺: lithium

Lib: libido

LMWH: low molecular weight heparin

LOC: loss of consciousness

LT3: liothyronine

LT4: levothyroxine

LTC: long-term care

LTRA: leukotriene receptor antagonist

LV: left ventricular

LVAD: left ventricular assist device

LVCVI: left ventricular cavity volume index

LVD: left ventricular dysfunction

LVEF: left ventricle ejection fraction

LVF: left ventricular function

LVH: left ventricular hypertrophy

LVM: left ventricular mass index

LVVI: left ventricular volume index

lytes: electrolytes

M:

M: monitor

MA: meta-analysis or megestrol acetate

MACE: major adverse cardiovascular events

MALT: mucosa associated lymphoid tissue

MAO_i: monoamine oxidase inhibitor

Max: maximum

MCi: mild cognitive impairment

MCV: mean corpuscular volume

MD: maintenance dose

MDD: major depressive disorder

MDI: metered dose inhaler

MDS: Myelodysplastic Syndromes

MED: morphine equivalent dose

MF: metformin

Mg⁺⁺: magnesium

mg: milligrams

MHV: mechanical heart valve

MI: myocardial infarction

MIN^f: nonfatal MI

min(s): minute(s)

mL: milliliter

MMR: measles, mumps, rubella

MMSE: Mini-mental state examination (Scale 0-30)

mo: month(s)

MOA: method of action

MPH: methylphenidate

MQ: Moderate quality

MR: modified release

MRA: mineralcorticoid receptor antagonist

MRC: Medical Research Council dyspnea scale

MS: multiple sclerosis

MSM: men who have sex with men

MSU: midstream urine

MTCT: mother-to-child-transmission

MTX: methotrexate

MVP: mitral valve prolapse

MVR: mitral valve repair

MVS: mitral valve strands

N:

N: nausea

n: number

N/A: not applicable

N/V: nausea/vomiting

N/V/D: nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

Na⁺: sodium

NAb: neutralizing antibody

NaCl: sodium chloride

NAION: nonarteric ischemic optic neuropathy

NE: norepinephrine

NG: nasogastric

NICE: National Institute for Health & Clinical Excellence

NIHB: non-insured health benefits

NMS: neuroleptic malignant syndrome

NNH: number needed to harm

NNRTI: non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor

NNT: number needed to treat

NODM: new onset diabetes mellitus

Non-DHP CCB: non-dihydropyridine calcium channel blocker

NP: no preservatives or natruretic peptide

nPEP: nonoccupational post exposure prophylaxis

NPN: natural product number

NPO: nothing by mouth

NRTI: nucleos(t)ide reverse transcriptase inhibitor

NS: non-significant

NSa: normal saline

NSAID: non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug

NSR: normal sinus rhythm

NTD: neural tube defect

NYHA: New York Heart Association

O:

OA: osteoarthritis

OAB: overactive bladder

OAC: oral anticoagulant

OAHA: oral anti-hyperglycemic agent

OAT: opioid agonist therapy

OATP: organic anion-transporting polypeptide

OBMT: omeprazole, bismuth, metronidazole, tetracycline

OCD: obsessive compulsive disorder

OC: oral contraceptives

OD: daily

ODT: orally disintegrating tablet

OGTT: oral glucose tolerance test

OL: open label

ONJ: osteonecrosis of the jaw

Ons: onset

OP: osteoporosis

OR: odds ratio

OS: oral solution

OSA: obstructive sleep apnea

OTC: over the counter

OUD: opioid use disorder

PPBG: postprandial (2hr) blood glucose

PP: plaque psoriasis or per protocol

PPI: proton-pump inhibitor

Pr: prescription

pr: per rectum

PrEP: pre-exposure prophylaxis

Pria: priapism

PRN: as needed

ProD: prodrug

PRSP: penicillin resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

PsA: psoriatic arthritis

Psych: schizophrenia

Pt(s): patient(s)

PTCS: pseudotumor cerebri syndrome

PTSD: post traumatic stress disorder

PTLD: post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders

PUD: peptic ulcer disease

Pv: per vagina

PVD: peripheral vascular disease

PVR: post void residual

PWID: people who inject drugs

Px: procedure

Q:

QALY: quality adjusted life year

QE: quality of evidence

QID: four times daily

QOL: quality of life

QTc: corrected QT interval

R:

R/O: rule out

RA: rheumatoid arthritis

RAIA: rapid-acting insulin analogue

RBC: red blood cells

RCT: randomized controlled trial

RDW: red cell distribution width

Rec: recommended

reg: regular

REMS: risk evaluation mitigation strategy

RF: risk factor or rheumatoid factor

rhTSH: recombinant TSH

RIMA: reversible inhibitor MAO-A

RLS: restless leg syndrome

rpt: repeat

RR: relative risk/risk ratio

RRMs: relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis

RR: relative risk reduction

RSV: respiratory syncytial virus

RT: room temperature

RTI: respiratory tract infection

RTV: ritonavir

Rx: prescription

rxn: reaction

S:

S&Sx: signs & symptoms

SABA: short-acting beta-2 agonist

SABD: short-acting bronchodilator

SAD: social anxiety disorder

SAE: serious adverse event

SAIL: Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living

SAMA: short-acting muscarinic antagonist

SAP: special access program

SAPT: single antiplatelet therapy

SAR: seasonal allergic rhinitis

SBP: systolic blood pressure

SC: subcutaneous

SCI: spinal cord injury

Scr: serum creatinine

SD: sexual dysfunction (general)

SGA: Second-generation antipsychotic

SGLT2i: sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor

SHBG: sex hormone binding globulin

SIADH: syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion

SJS: Stevens-Johnson Syndrome

SJW: St. John's Wort

SK: Saskatchewan

SL: sublingual

SLE: systemic lupus erythematosus

SMBG: self monitor blood glucose

SNAP-IV: revised Swanson, Nolan & Pelham Questionnaire

SNRI: serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor

SOGC: Society of Obs & Gyne of CDN

soln: solution

SOT: solid organ transplant

SPDP: Sask. Prescription Drug Plan

SPMS: secondary progressive multiple sclerosis

SR/HQ: strong recommendation/ high quality evidence

SR: sustained release or systematic review or strength recommendation

SRL: sirolimus

Ss: steady state

SSRI: selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor(s)

SSS: sick sinus syndrome

SSZ: sulfasalazine

ST: stent thrombosis

STI: sexually transmitted infection

SU: sulfonylurea

SUA: serum uric acids

subcut: subcutaneous

SUD: substance use disorder

SUI: stress urinary incontinence

Sul: sulphur

Supp: suppository

Susp: suspension

SVT: supraventricular tachycardia

sx: symptoms or syndrome

Sx: surgery

syr: syringe

sz: seizure

T:

↑TC: hypercholesterolemia

t ½: half life

T1DM: type 1 diabetes mellitus

T2DM: type 2 diabetes mellitus

T3: liothyronine

T4: levothyroxine

tab: tablet

TAC: tacrolimus

TB: tuberculosis

TBE: tick-borne encephalitis

Tbsp: tablespoon (~15mL)

TBW: total body weight

TC: total cholesterol

TCA: tricyclic antidepressant(s)

TCNs: tetracyclines

Td: tetanus, diphtheria

Tdap: tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis

Tdp: Torsades de Pointes