

The GP Update Handbook

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Statistics explained

In the online handbook (www.gpCPD.com) you will find a simple summary of all the statistics used in this book. It's written by us GPs, none of whom are great statisticians, so it should make sense in a way that some statistics books might not! It should also help registrars preparing for the AKT!

Abbreviations used in the GP Update Handbook

We try to avoid using abbreviations except where they are universally recognised (MI, COPD). Statistical abbreviations are listed and explained in the Statistics chapter (www.gpCPD.com). We do abbreviate journal references:

Ann. Int. Med.	Annals of Internal Medicine
Arch. Int. Med.	Archives of Internal Medicine
BJGP	British Journal of General Practice
BMJ	British Medical Journal
DTB	Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
MeReC	National Prescribing Centre Bulletins (not exactly an abbreviation!)
NEJM	New England Journal of Medicine
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
SIGN	Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network
UKMI	UK Medicines Information

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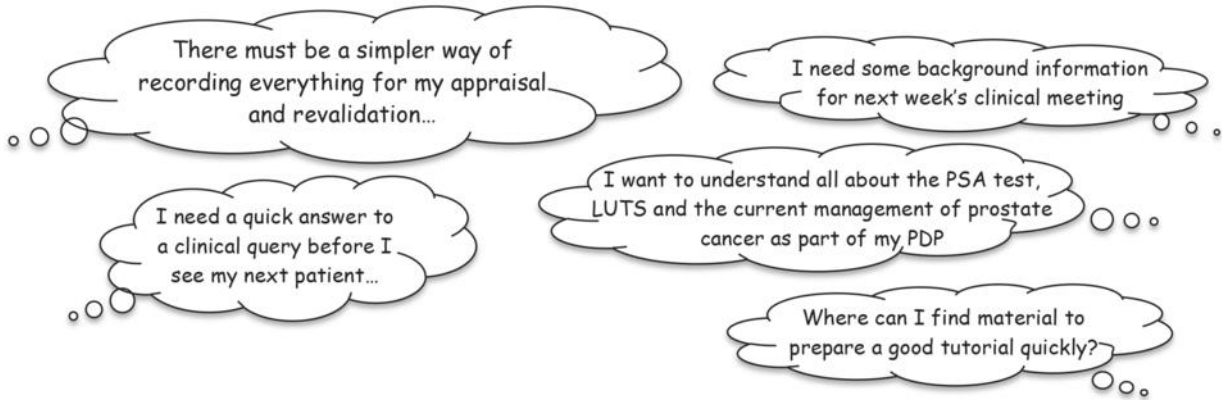
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