

Glossary of common abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full Name and meaning (where required)
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADIS	Alcohol and Drug Information Service
AHPRA	Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
CALHN	Central Adelaide Local Health Network
CMI	Consumer Medicines Information
CS	Controlled Substances
DACAS	Drug and Alcohol Clinical Advisory Service
DASSA	Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia
DDU	Drugs of Dependence Unit
ETP	Electronic Transfer of Prescriptions – transfer of prescription information between prescribers and pharmacies using an electronic system known as a Prescription Exchange Service.
FOI	Freedom of Information – the right to request access to Government-held information.
GP	General Practitioner
HPSA	HealthPathways South Australia
MATOD	Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence
MD	Monitored Drug – Medicine as defined by the Controlled Substances (Poisons) Regulations 2011 that is monitored by ScriptCheckSA .
MED	Morphine Equivalent Dose
MFA	Multi-Factor Authentication – additional security measure to protect patient data against unauthorised access.

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NALHN	Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
NDE	National Data Exchange – captures and stores monitored drug information from state and territory regulatory systems, and prescribing and dispensing software.
NPCP	Notified Palliative Care Patient – patient who has been notified to the Drugs of Dependence Unit as having a life expectancy of less than 12 months.
PES	Prescription Exchange Service (i.e. eRx, MediSecure) – provides secure and safe electronic transfer of prescription information between prescribers and pharmacists. It enables the delivery of monitored drug information to ScriptCheckSA in real-time.
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
PHN	Primary Health Network
RTPM	Real-Time Prescription Monitoring – computer software that provides prescribers and pharmacists with information about a patient’s use of monitored drugs when they are considering prescribing or dispensing these medicines. Eg. ScriptCheckSA , Safe Script, QScript, NT Script
S4	Schedule 4 of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons – Prescription Only Medicine
S8	Schedule 8 of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons – Controlled Drug / Drug of Dependence
S18A	Section 18A of the Controlled Substances Act 1984 - defines the authority requirements for prescribing drugs of dependence (Schedule 8 drugs).
SALHN	Southern Adelaide Local Health Network
SAPOL	SA Police
SCSA	ScriptCheckSA –South Australia’s Real-Time Prescription Monitoring system
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
TGA	Therapeutic Goods Administration