

# **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

**The following abbreviations, in alphabetical order, appear in the ALS Patient Care Standards:**

## **A**

ACP Advanced Care Paramedic

ALS Advanced Life Support

ALS PCS Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards ASA acetylsalicylic acid

AV atrioventricular

## **B**

BH base hospital

BHP Base Hospital Physician

BLS Basic Life Support

BP blood pressure

BPM beats per minute

BVM bag-valve-mask

## **C**

CCP Critical Care Paramedic

COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease cm centimeter

CPAP continuous positive airway pressure

CPR Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

CPSO College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario CTAS Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale

CVA cerebral vascular accident

CVAD central venous access device

## **D**

DKA diabetic ketoacidosis

## **E**

ECD electronic control device

ECG electrocardiogram  
EDD esophageal detection device  
ETCO2 end tidal carbon dioxide  
ETT endotracheal tube

## **F**

FiO2 fraction of inspired oxygen  
FRI febrile respiratory infection

## **G**

g gram  
GCS Glasgow Coma Scale

## **H**

H2O water  
HR heart rate  
Hx history

## **I**

IM intramuscular  
IN intranasal  
IO intraosseous  
IV intravenous

## **K**

kg kilogram

## **L**

LOA level of awareness

LOC level of consciousness/loss of consciousness

## **M**

MAC Medical Advisory Committee

mcg microgram

MDI metered dose inhaler

mg milligram

min minute

ml/kg milliliter per kilogram

mmHg millimeters of mercury

MOHLTC Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

## **N**

N/A not applicable

NaCl sodium chloride

nare nostril

NEB nebulized

NPA nasopharyngeal airway

NSAID non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug

## **O**

OBHG Ontario Base Hospital Group

OPA oropharyngeal airway

## **P**

PCP Primary Care Paramedic

PO by mouth/oral

PRN as needed

## **Q**

q every

## **R**

RBH Regional Base Hospital

ROSC return of spontaneous circulation

RR respiratory rate

## **S**

SC subcutaneous

SL sublingual

SBP systolic blood pressure

SpO<sub>2</sub> saturation of peripheral oxygen

STEMI ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction

## **T**

TBI traumatic brain injury

TCA tricyclic antidepressant

TCP transcutaneous pacing

## **U**

URTI upper respiratory tract infection

## **V**

VSA vital signs absent

## **W**

WNL within normal limits