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Preface to the Second Edition

Our medical literature suffers from the terrible disease called TLA. You don't know what TLA is? It is the Three-Letter Abbreviation syndrome! I have been affected by it ever since I started reading medical texts. The continuity of the reading and the logic of the sentence were disturbingly interrupted by an overuse of abbreviations and acronyms.

The idea of itemizing all of the abbreviations I found within a certain article or book seemed to be the only practical solution to boil down the load of the unknowns I came across while preparing my medical exams. But the list never stopped growing! I made my list available on the web in the hope it might help others. Thus, I added even more items at the suggestion of some of the curious visitors of my site.

Medical Abbreviations pocket is divided into two sections for your convenience. The first part lists the abbreviations and acronyms alphabetically, while the second one is an index of the expanded terms for reverse searching. The PDA version is even easier to use.

Medical Abbreviations pocket is also available on the web at **www.media4u.com**. From here you can download the entire database to your Palm Pilot or Pocket PC as well.

Although this pocket dictionary is not a comprehensive source of medical abbreviations in use today, I do hope it will give you all the basics that you need to navigate through the ocean of medical terminology.

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