

# List of abbreviations

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ADA	adenosine deaminase
CT	computed tomography
IPC	indwelling pleural catheter
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
MPE	malignant pleural effusion
MPM	malignant pleural mesothelioma
NEL	nonexpandable lung
NMPE	nonmalignant pleural effusion
PET	positron emission tomography
PSP	primary spontaneous pneumothorax
RCT	randomised control trial
SSP	secondary spontaneous pneumothorax
TB	tuberculosis
TGF	transforming growth factor
TUS	thoracic ultrasound
VATS	video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery