

# List of abbreviations

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<b>ARDS</b>	acute respiratory distress syndrome
<b>BAL</b>	bronchoalveolar lavage
<b>BMI</b>	body mass index
<b>COPD</b>	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
<b>CPAP</b>	continuous positive airway pressure
<b>CT</b>	computed tomography
<b>ECMO</b>	extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
<b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b>	forced expiratory volume in first second
<b>F<sub>I</sub>O<sub>2</sub></b>	inspiratory oxygen fraction
<b>ICU</b>	intensive care unit
<b>NIV</b>	noninvasive ventilation
<b>P<sub>a</sub>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial carbon dioxide tension
<b>P<sub>a</sub>O<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial oxygen tension
<b>PEEP</b>	positive end-expiratory pressure
<b>RCT</b>	randomised controlled trial
<b>SpO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial oxygen saturation measured by pulse oximetry