

# List of abbreviations

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<b>AE</b>	acute exacerbation
<b>CF</b>	cystic fibrosis
<b>COPD</b>	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
<b>CRP</b>	C-reactive protein
<b>CT</b>	computed tomography
<b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b>	forced expiratory volume in 1 s
<b>FVC</b>	forced vital capacity
<b>HRCT</b>	high-resolution computed tomography
<b>ICU</b>	intensive care unit
<b>IL</b>	interleukin
<b>IPF</b>	idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
<b>MRSA</b>	methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
<b>NTM</b>	nontuberculous mycobacteria
<b><i>P</i>aCO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial carbon dioxide tension
<b><i>P</i>aO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial oxygen tension
<b>QoL</b>	quality of life
<b>RCT</b>	randomised controlled trials
<b><i>S</i>aO<sub>2</sub></b>	arterial oxygen saturation
<b>TNF</b>	tumour necrosis factor