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## Acronyms and abbreviations

CI	confidence interval
EB	evidence base
FWC	Family, Women's and Children's Health (a WHO cluster)
GDG	Guideline Development Group
GRADE	Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation
GREAT	Guideline development, Research priorities, Evidence synthesis, Applicability of evidence, Transfer of knowledge (a WHO project)
hr	hour
IM	intramuscular
IV	intravenous
MCA	[WHO Department of] Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health
mcg	microgram
MD	mean difference
min	minute
ml	millilitre
MPA	Maternal and Perinatal Health & Preventing Unsafe Abortion (a team in WHO's Department of Reproductive Health and Research)
NICU	neonatal intensive care unit
PPH	postpartum haemorrhage
RCT	randomized controlled trial
RHR	[WHO Department of] Reproductive Health and Research
RR	relative risk
TENS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation

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