

Recommended Abbreviations and Units in Hematology

In order to have a standardized format for reporting blood count results the International Committee for Standardization in Haematology has made the following recommendations, which have also been endorsed by the International Society of Haematology.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Recommended Abbreviations to be used in report</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Haemoglobin	Hb	g/L
Haematocrit	Hct	(L/L)
Packed cell volume (Refers specifically to centrifugation method)	PCV	(L/L)
Red blood cells (Erythrocytes)	RBC	$\times 10^{12}$ /L
Mean (red) cell volume	MCV	fl
Mean (red) cell haemoglobin	MCH	pg
Mean (red) cell haemoglobin concentration	MCHC	g/L
White blood cells (Leucocytes)	WBC	$\times 10^9$ /L
Platelets (Thrombocytes)	Plt	$\times 10^9$ /L
Mean platelet volume	MPV	fl
Plateletcrit (Thrombocrit)	Pct	(L/L)
Reticulocytes	Retic	$\times 10^9$ /L