

## Glossary – Abbreviations

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**The CAMRT exam uses the metric system.**

AI	artificial intelligence
ALARA	As low as reasonably achievable
AP/PA	anteroposterior/posteroanterior
BEV	beam's eye view
BID	twice daily
CBC	complete blood count
CBCT	cone beam computed tomography
C. diff	Clostridium difficile
CNS	central nervous system
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CT	computed tomography
CT sim	computed tomography simulation
CTV	clinical target volume
DCIS	ductal carcinoma in situ
DIBH	deep inspiration breath hold
$d_{max}$	depth of maximum dose
DOF	degrees of freedom
DRE	digital rectal exam
DRR	digitally reconstructed radiographs
DVH	dose volume histogram
EBRT	external beam radiation therapy
ER	estrogen receptor
FDG	Fluorodeoxyglucose
FFF	flattening filter free
FIGO	Federation of International Gynaecologists and Obstetricians
FOV	field of view
FSD	focus to skin distance
GBM	glioblastoma multiforme
GTV	gross tumor volume
HDR	high dose rate
HER2	human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus

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HPV	human papilloma virus
HVL	half value layer
ICP	intracranial pressure
IGRT	image guided radiation therapy
IMC	internal mammary chain
IMN	internal mammary node
IMRT	intensity modulated radiation therapy
ITV	internal target volume
IV	intravenous
kV	kilovolt
LDR	low dose rate
MLC	multi-leaf collimator
MU	monitor unit
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MRSA	methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus
MV	megavolt
OAR	organ at risk
OBI	on-board imager
ODI	optical distance indicator
Pap smear	Papanicolaou smear
PBI	partial breast irradiation
PET	positron emission tomography
PCI	prophylactic cranial irradiation
PDD	percentage depth dose
PDR	pulse dose rate
POP	parallel opposed pair
PPE	personal protective equipment
PR	progesterone receptor
PRV	planning organ at risk volume
PSA	prostatic specific antigen
PSF	peak scatter factor
PTV	Planning target volume
QA	quality assurance
RO	radiation oncologist
ROF	relative output factor

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RSO	radiation safety officer
SAD	source axis distance
SBRT	stereotactic body radiation therapy
SRS	stereotactic radiosurgery
SIB	simultaneous integrated boost
SRT	stereotactic radiotherapy
SSD	Source skin distance
SSN	supra sternal notch
SVCO	superior vena cava obstruction
TAHBSO	total abdominal hysterectomy bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy
TBI	total body irradiation
TLD	thermoluminescent dosimeter
TRUS	transrectal ultrasound
TPR	tissue phantom ratio
U/S	ultrasound
VMAT	volumetric modulated arc therapy
VRE	vancomycin-resistant Enterococci
WBRT	whole brain radiation therapy
3DCRT	three-dimensional conformal radiation therapy
4DCT	four-dimensional computed tomography

#### Definitions

Patient chart	Patient complete medical information
Treatment prescription	Radiation oncologist prescribed time/dose/fractionation
Treatment record	Treatment sheet

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