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Abbreviations:

AV Auto-verification

CBC Complete blood count

CL Core laboratory

ETV Electric Track Vehicle

IM Instrument Manager

IOM Input/output module

IR-TAT In-lab to reporting turnaround Time

LIS Laboratory information system

NSHA Nova Scotia Health Authority

OP Percentage of Outlier

PR-TAT Phlebotomy to reporting turnaround time

PT Prothrombin time

PI-TAT Phlebotomy to in-lab turnaround time

TAT Turnaround time

TLA Total laboratory automation

TSH Thyroid-Stimulating Hormone

VGH Victoria General Hospital

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