List of acronyms

The acronyms which occur most frequently in this volume are spelt out below. Please consult the main Glossary for other terms and definitions.

ACDP  Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens
ARC  Agricultural Research Council (later the Agriculture and Food Research Council (AFRC) and then the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC))
BSE  Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
CDSC  Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre
CJD  Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease
CJD SU  CJD Surveillance Unit
CMO  Chief Medical Officer
CSM  Committee on Safety of Medicines
CT  Computerised Axial Tomography
CVL  Central Veterinary Laboratory
DANI  Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland
DCMO  Deputy Chief Medical Officer
DH  Department of Health
DHSS  Department of Health and Social Security
EEG  Electroencephalogram
GP  General Practitioner
GSS  Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker syndrome, also called Gerstmann-Sträussler Syndrome
hGH  Human Growth Hormone
HLA  Human Leukocyte Antigens
LSHTM  London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
MAFF  Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
MRC  Medical Research Council
MRI  Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NPU  Neuropathogenesis Unit
OPCS  Office of Population Censuses and Surveys
PHLS  Public Health Laboratory Service
PrP  Prion protein
PRNP  The prion protein gene
SEAC  Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee
SOAEFD  Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department
SSPE  Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis
TME  Transmissible Mink Encephalopathy
TSE  Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy
vCJD  Variant CJD
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