

Medical Terms and Acronyms

Medical Terms

BCG scar	Bacillus Calmette–Guérin (BCG) vaccine is a vaccine primarily used against tuberculosis. The characteristic raised <i>scar</i> BCG immunization leaves is often used as proof of vaccination
H.Pylori	Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) is a bacterium (germ) that lives in the stomach. It causes a chronic low-level inflammation of the stomach lining and is strongly linked to the development of intestinal and gastric ulcers. It is the most wide-spread infection in the world, especially in the developing world. http://www.gesa.org.au/consumer.asp?id=80
Mantoux	The Mantoux test is a screening tool for tuberculosis (TB).
mmol/l	This refers to: Millimole per liter, (measuring concentrations of substances in the blood)
MMR	Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccination.
TB	Tuberculosis
Quantiferon	Quantiferon is a simple blood test that aids in the detection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacteria which causes tuberculosis

Acronyms

AMEP	Adult Migrant English Program
AMES	Adult Multicultural Education Services (now officially known as AMES Australia)
BELS	Blackburn English Language Centre
CALD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse
CCOEI	Communities Council on Ethnic Issues
CEH	Centre for Culture Ethnicity and Health
CMY	Centre for Multicultural Youth
DHS	Department of Human Services
DSS	Department of Social Services
ECLC	Eastern Community Legal Centre
EACH	EACH social & community services
EMR	Eastern Metropolitan Region
HACC	Home and Community Care
HSS	Humanitarian Settlement Services
LGA	Local Government Area
MCH	Maternal and Child Health (services)
MIC	Migrant Information Centre
MIND	Mind Australia - non-government provider of mental health and psychosocial disability support services
MSC	Migrant Settlement Committee (Eastern Region)
PHN	Primary Health Networks (Australian Government-Department of Health)
RCOA	Refugee Council of Australia
RHN	Refugee Health Nurse
RILC	Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre
SHP	Special Humanitarian Programme
TPV	Temporary Protection Visa
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
VFST	Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture – also known as Foundation House
VRHN	Victorian Refugee Health Network
VTP	Volunteer Tutor Program

Useful link: Information about Refugee and Humanitarian Visas: <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Refu/Offs/Refugee-and-Humanitarian-visas>