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\[CIL = \textit{Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum} (1863–)\]
\[CI Sem. = \textit{Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum} (1881–)\]
\[CMG = \textit{Corpus Medicorum Graecorum} (1908–)\]
\[CML = \textit{Corpus Medicorum Latinorum} (1915–)\]
\[FGrH = \textit{Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker} (1923–)\]
\[IG = \textit{Inscriptiones Graecae}, 2nd edn (1924–)\]
\[ILS = \textit{Inscriptionses Latinae Selectae}, ed. H. Dessau (1892–1916)\]
\[K = \textit{Claudii Galeni Opera Omnia}, 20 vols., ed. C. G. Kühn (1821–33)\]
\[OCD = \textit{Oxford Classical Dictionary}\]
\[OCT = \textit{Oxford Classical Text}\]
\[PVindob. = \textit{Papyrus Vindobonensis}\]
\[PHerc. = \textit{Papyrus Herculaneensis}\]
\[POxy. = \textit{Oxyrhynchus Papyrus}\]
\[SM = \textit{Claudii Galeni Pergameni Scripta Minora}, 3 vols. (1884–93)\]

Abbreviations

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Abbreviations and editions used for the works of Galen and other medical writers.

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<td>AA</td>
<td>De anatomicis administrationibus ('On anatomical procedures')</td>
<td></td>
<td>books 1–8 from K, books 9–15 (extant only in Arabic) from Simon (1906)</td>
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<td>Alim. fac.</td>
<td>De alimentorum facultatibus ('On the properties of foodstuffs')</td>
<td>CMG 5.4.2</td>
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<td>Ant.</td>
<td>De antidotis ('On antidotes')</td>
<td>xiv K</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ars med.</td>
<td>Ars medica ('The medical art')</td>
<td>Boudon (2000)</td>
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<td>Comp. med. gen.</td>
<td>De compositione medicamentorum secundum genera ('On the compounding of drugs according to kinds')</td>
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<td>Comp. med. loc.</td>
<td>De compositione medicamentorum secundum locos ('On the compounding of drugs according to places')</td>
<td>xii–xiii K</td>
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<td>Cris.</td>
<td>De crisisibus ('On crises')</td>
<td>Alexander (1967)</td>
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<td>Foet. form.</td>
<td>De foetuum formatione ('On the formation of the foetus')</td>
<td>CMG 5.3.3</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>see under Alim. fac.</td>
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<td>Lib. prop.</td>
<td>De libris propriis ('On my own books')</td>
<td>SM ii</td>
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<td>Loc. aff.</td>
<td>De locis affectis ('On the affected parts')</td>
<td>viii K</td>
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<td>MM</td>
<td>De methodo medendi ('On the therapeautical method')</td>
<td>x K</td>
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<td>Nerv. diss.</td>
<td>De nervorum dissectione ('On the dissection of the nerves')</td>
<td>ii K</td>
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<td>De ordine librorum propriorum ('On the order of my own books')</td>
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<td>Part. art. med.</td>
<td>De partibus artis medicativae ('On the parts of the art of medicine')</td>
<td>CMG supp. or. ii</td>
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<td>PHP</td>
<td>De placitis Hippocratis et Platonis ('On the doctrines of Hippocrates and Plato')</td>
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<td>Praen.</td>
<td>De praenotione ad Epigenem ('On prognosis')</td>
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<td>Prop. plac.</td>
<td>De propriis placitis ('On my own opinions')</td>
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<td>Simples</td>
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*SMT* De simplicium medicamentorum temperamentis ac facultatibus (‘On the mixtures and properties of simple drugs’), xi–xii K

*Ther.* De theriaca ad Pisonem (‘On theriac to Piso’), xiv K

*Thras.* Thrasybulus, SM III

*UP* De usu partium (‘On the usefulness of parts’), Helmreich (1907–9)

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