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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS¹

¹An acronym is an abbreviation whose letters form a real word. For example, APACHE and COLD are acronyms, but CHAMPUS and NIH are only abbreviations.

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A	Adenine
AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
AAA	Area agency on aging
AAAI	American Association for Artificial Intelligence
NULAC	American Association for Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AABB	American Association of Blood Banks
AABD	Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled
AACN	American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
AADI	Adjusted acceptable daily intake
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians
AAFS	American Academy of Forensic Sciences
AN-IA	American Association of Homes for the Aging
ANHC	Association of Academic Health Centers
AAIH	American Academy of Industrial Hygiene
AAIP	Association of American Indian Physicians
AALAS	American Association for Laboratory Animal Science
AAM	Alliance for Alternative Medicine
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAMI	Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
AANP	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
AANS	American Association of Neurological Surgeons
AAO	American Academy of Ophthalmology
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
AAPA	American Academy of Physician Assistants
AAPC	American Association for Protecting Children
AAPCC	Average adjusted per capita cost
AAPD	American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
AARC	American Association for Respiratory Care (formerly AART)
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
AART	American Association for Respiratory Therapy (now AARC)
AATB	American Association of Tissue Banks
AAVMC	Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
ABC	Airway, breathing, and circulation; or assess, breathe, and circulate
ABC	American Blood Commission
ABC	Association of Biotechnology Companies
ABET	American Board of Engineering and Technology
ABIH	American Board of Industrial Hygiene
ABIM	American Board of Internal Medicine
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties
ABRA	American Blood Resources Association
ABRAC	Agricultural Biotechnology Research Advisory Committee
ACC	Animal Care Committee (Canada)
ACCC	Association of Community Cancer Centers
ACCP	American College of Chest Physicians
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACHE	American College of Healthcare Executives

ACIP	Advisory Committee on immunization Practices (Centers for Disease Control)
ACLI	American Council on Life Insurance
ACNM	American College of Nurse-Midwives
ACOG	American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology
ACOM	American College of Occupational Medicine (formerly was AOMA)
ACP	American College of Physicians
ACR	Adjusted community rate
ACR	American College of Radiology
ACRS	Accelerated cost recovery system
ACS	American Cancer Society
ACS	American College of Surgeons
ACS	American Cancer Society
ACSH	American Council on Science and Health
ACT	American Council on Transplantation
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
ACUC	Animal care and use committee
ACYF	Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (Office of Human Development Services)
AD	Alzheimer's disease
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADA	Adenosine deaminase (enzyme)
ADA	American Dental Association
ADA	American Diabetes Association
ADA	American Dietetic Association
ADAMHA	Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (Public Health Service)
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities (Office of Human Development Services)
ADD	Attention deficit disorder
ADEAR	Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (Center)
ADL	Activities of daily living
ADMS	Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services
ADMS	Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services Block Grant
ADP	Adenosine diphosphate
ADPL	Average daily patient load
ADR	Adverse drug reaction
ADRCs	Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers
ADRDA	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association
ADS	Agua del Sol
AEC	U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
AFAAR	American Fund for Alternatives to Animal Research
AFAR	American Federation for Aging Research
AFDC	Aid to Families With Dependent Children
AFIP	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
AFIPS	American Federation of Information Processing Societies
AFIS	Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems
AFP	Alpha fetoprotein
AFRRI	Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute
AFS	American Fertility Society
AFSCME	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
AGHE	Association for Gerontology in Higher Education
AGI	Alan Guttmacher Institute
AGRICOLA	Agricultural On-Line Access (National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture)
AGS	Advanced Genetic Sciences, Inc.
AGS	American Geriatrics Society
AHA	American Heart Association

A HA	American Hospital Association
A HCA	American Health Care Association
A HCCCS	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
A HCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (PHS)
A HEC	Area Health Education Center
A HF	Antihemophilic factor
A HP	Accountable Health Plan
A HH	Aryl hydrocarbon hydroxylase
A HP	Allied health professional
A IPC	Aging and Health Policy Center
A HSR	Association for Health Services Research
A I	Artificial intelligence
A IA	American Institute of Architects
A ID	U.S. Agency for International Development
A IDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
A IHA	American Industrial Hygiene Association
A IHC	American Industrial Health Council
A IM-TWX	Abridged Index Medicus via the Teletypewriter Exchange Network
A IPRC	American Indian Policy Review Commission
A LA	American Lung Association
A LA	Aminolevulinic acid
A LARA	As low as reasonably achievable
A LD	Approximate lethal dose
A LDF	Animal Legal Defense Fund
A LL	Acute lymphocytic leukemia, or acute lymphatic leukemia
A L0s	Average length of stay
A LS	Advanced life support
A S	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
A LS-P-D	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis-Parkinson's disease-dementia
A LT	Alanine amino transferase (formerly SGPT)
A LT	Alanine immunotransferase
A LT	Argon laser trabeculoplasty
A IMA	American Medical Association
A IMD	Aerospace Medical Division (U.S. Air Force)
A IMDA	American Medical Directors Association
A MI	Acute myocardial infarction
A MI	American Medical International, Inc.
A IML	Acute myelocytic leukemia
A IMRA	American Medical Records Association
A IMS	Automated Microplate Systems
A IWETS	American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam
A IMWA	American Medical Women's Association
A INA	Administration for Native Americans (Office of Human Development Services)
A INA	American Nurses' Association
A INCSA	Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
A INDA	Abbreviated new drug application
A INDA-MIS	Abbreviated New Drug Application - Management Information System
A INFI	Absolute nuclear fluorescence intensity
A INPRM	Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
A INR	Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights
A INS	Autonomic nervous system
A INSI	American National Standards Institute
A INT	Alzheimer neurofibrillary tangle
A OA	Administration on Aging (Office of Human Development Services)
A OA	American Optometric Association
A OA	American Osteopathic Association

AOA	American Optometric Association
AOMA	American Occupational Medical Association (former name for ACOM)
AOP	Agent Orange Projects (Centers for Disease Control)
AOWG	Agent Orange Working Group (White House Cabinet Council)
APA	American Psychiatric Association
APA	Administrative Procedures Act
APA	American Polygraph Association
APA	American Psychiatric Association
APA	American Psychological Association
APACHE	Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation
APB	Advisory Policy Board (NCIC)
APED	Action Programme on Essential Drugs and Vaccines (WHO)
APhA	American Pharmaceutical Association
APHA	American Public Health Association
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Department of Agriculture)
APKD	Adult polycystic kidney disease
APS	Attending physician's statement
APTD	Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled
AQA	American Quack Association
AR	Attributable risk
ARC	AIDS-related complex
ARC	American Red Cross
ARC	Animal research committee
ARF	Area Resource File (Health Resources and Services Administration)
ARI	Acute respiratory infection
ARS	Administrative Records Survey
ARS	Agriculture Research Service (Department of Agriculture)
ARV	AIDS-related virus
AS	Ankylosing spondylitis
ASC	Ambulatory surgical center
ASCLD	American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
ASCO	American Society for Clinical Oncology
ASCP	American Society of Clinical Pathologists
ASH	Action on Smoking and Health
ASH	Assistant Secretary for Health (DHHS)
ASHA	American School Health Association
ASHG	American Society of Human Genetics
ASHI	American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics
ASIM	American Society of Internal Medicine
ASO	Allele specific-oligonucleotide
ASO	Administrative services only
ASPB	American Society to Prevent Blindness
ASPCA	American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
ASPE	Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (DHHS)
ASPEN	American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
ASSE	American Society of Safety Engineers
AST	Aspartate amino transferase (formerly SGOT)
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
AT	Ataxia telangiectasia
ATCB	Architectural and Transportation Compliance Bead
ATCC	American Type Culture Association
ATIII	Antithrombin III
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (PHS, DHHS)
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (Public Health Service)

AUA	American Urological Association
AUCC	Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
AUPHA	Association of University Programs in Health Administration
AUTS	Adult Use of Tobacco Survey
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association
AWP	Average wholesale price
AZT	Azidothymidine (currently known as zidovudine)

B

BAT	Best available technology
BATF	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (Department of Treasury)
BBT	Basal body temperature
BC	Blue Cross (health insurance plan)
BC/BS	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
BCA	Blue Cross Association
BCBSA	Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association
BCBSNJ	Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey
BCG	Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (vaccine)
BD	Biotinidase deficiency
BDMS	Bureau of Data Management and Strategy (Health Care Financing Administration)
BDZ	Benzodiazepine
BEAC	Biomedical Ethics Advisory Committee
BEIR	Committee on the Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (National Research Council)
BEMAR	Backlog of essential maintenance and repair
BERC	Bureau of Eligibility, Reimbursement, and Coverage (Health Care Financing Administration)
BHCDA	Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance (HRSA, PHS)
BHP _r	Bureau of Health Professions (HRSA, PHS)
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs (Department of Interior)
BID	Bureau, institute, or division (National Institutes of Health)
BIOSEP	Biofeedback Smoking Education Project
BIOSIS	Biosciences Information Service
BJS	Bureau of Justice Statistics (DOJ)
BLS	Basic life support
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics (Department of Labor)
BMAA	Beta-N-methyl amino-L-alanine
BMAD	Medicare Physician Procedure Database
BMD	Bureau of Medical Devices (former bureau of the Food and Drug Administration; see CDRH))
BOSTID	Board on Science and Technology for International Development (National Academy of Sciences)
BP	Blood pressure
BP	Blocking Protein
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
BPEC	Biotechnology Process Engineering Center (MIT)
BPF	Blocking Protein Factor
BPRS	Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale
BPT	Best practicable technology
BQC	Bureau of Quality Control (Health Care Financing Administration)
BRFS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
BS	Blue Shield (insurance plan)

BSA	Blue Shield Association
BSCC	Biotechnology Science Coordinating Committee
BTI	Bacillus thuringiensis israeliensis
BTS	Blood Transfusion Service
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
BVA	Blinded Veterans Association

C

c	Cytosine
C/MHC	Community/migrant health center
CA	Chromosomal aberration
CA	Cocaine Anonymous
Ca	Cancer
CA	Chromosome aberration
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAAT	Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (The Johns Hopkins University)
CAB	Cellulose acetate butyrate
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CAC	California Association of Criminalists
CACLD	California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors
CACR	Center for Alternative Cancer Research
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CAG	Carcinogen Assessment Group
CAG	Clinical Appraisal Group
CAH	Chlorinated aromatic hydrocarbon
CAH	Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
CAHBI	Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Progress in the Biomedical Sciences (Council of Europe)
CALAS	Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science
CaIPERS	California Public Employees' Retirement System (State of California)
Caltech	California Institute of Technology
CANAH	Coalition for Alternatives in Nutrition and Healthcare
CAP	College of American Pathologists
CAP	Consumer Association of Penang (Malaysia)
CAPD	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
CARB	Center for Advanced Research in Biotechnology (MD)
CARE	Comprehensive Assessment and Referral Evaluation
CASA	Community Alternative Systems Agency program (New York State)
CASSP	Child and Adolescent Service System Program (National Institute of Mental Health)
CAT	Computerized axial tomography (see CT')
CATT	Card agglutination test for trypanosomiasis
CAVH	Continuous arteriovenous hemofiltration
CBA	Cost-benefit analysis
CBER	Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (FDA)
CBO	Congressional Budget Office (U.S. Congress)
CC	Clomiphene citrate
CCAC	Canadian Council on Animal Care
CCBC	Council of Community Blood Centers
CCCI	Connecticut Community Care, Inc.
CCCN	Customs Cooperation Council Nomenclature
CCEC	Community Clinic/Emergency Center
CCERP	Committee to Coordinate Environmental and Related Programs

CCL	Commodity Control List
CCL	Continuous cell line
CCNE	Comité Consultatif National d'Ethique (National Advisory Ethics Committee - France)
CCP	Community Care Program (Illinois)
CCPD	Continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis
CCRN	Critical care registered nurse
CCS	Cancer Control Society
CCU	CoronaRy care unit
CDC	Centers for Disease Control (PHS, DHHS)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control (Public Health Service)
CDD	Program for Control of Diarrheal Diseases (World Health Organization)
CDER	Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (Food and Drug Administration)
CDER	Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (FDA)
CDF	Children's Defense Fund
CDF	Conservative Democratic Forum (U.S. Congress)
CDNA	Complementary DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)
CDR	Clinical Dementia Rating Scale
CDRH	Center for Devices and Radiological Health (Food and Drug Administration)
CDS	Consumer-Directed Services Initiative
CEA	Carcinoembryonic antigen
CEA	Cost-effectiveness analysis
CEAP	Clinical Efficacy Assessment Project (American College of Physicians)
CEC	Chemical Evaluation Committee
CEC	Commission of the European Communities
CECOS	Centres d'Etude et de la Conservation du Sperme (Centers for the Study and Conservation of Sperm - France)
CEHIC	Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control (CDC, DHHS)
CEN	European Committee for Standardization
CENELEC	European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CETA	Comprehensive Employment and Training Act
CF	Complement fixation (test)
CF	Cystic fibrosis
CFC	Chloroflourocarbon
CFCM	Committee for Freedom of Choice in Medicine
CFHS	Canadian Federation of Humane Societies
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CFSAN	Center for Food Safety and Nutrition (FDA)
CH	Congenital hypothyroidism
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (Department of Defense)
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Veterans Administration
CHAP	Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel
CHC	Community health center
CHD	Coronary heart disease
CHIP	Chemical Hazard Information Profile
CHIPS	catastrophic health insurance plans
CHMSA	Critical Health Manpower Shortage Area
CHO	Chinese hamster ovary
CHP	Community Hospital Program
CHR	Community health representative

CHS	Contract health services
CHSDA	Contract health service delivery area
CID	Commercial Item Description (Department of Veterans Affairs)
CIE	Counterimmunoelectrophoresis
CIIT	Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology
CIL	Center for independent living (also ILC)
CIM	Cumulated Index Medicus
CIOMS	Council of international Organizations of Medical Sciences
CIS	Cancer Information Service (NCI)
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CJD	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (syndrome)
CJS	Criminal Justice System
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act
CLMA	Contact Lens Manufacturers Association
CLT	Clinical laboratory technician/technologist
CMA	Canadian Medical Association
CMA	Chemical Manufacturers Association
CME	Continuing medical education
CMHC	Community mental health center
CML	Chronic myelogenous leukemia
CMP	3-Chloro-2-methylpropene
CMP	Competitive medical plan
CMP	Comprehensive medical plan; competitive medical plan
CMSS	Council of Medical Specialty Societies
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNFA	Comisió n Nacional de Fecundació n Asistida (National Commission on Assisted Reproduction - Spain)
CNM	Certified nurse midwife
CNP	Certified nurse practitioner
CNS	Central nervous system
C O ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO	Carbon monoxide
COA	Coagglutination (test)
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-272)
CoCom	Coordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Controls
CODAP	Client Oriented Data Acquisition Process
COGME	Council on Graduate Medical Education
COLD	Chronic obstructive lung disease
CON	Certificate of Need
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COPT	Circumoval precipitin test
COSH	Committee for Occupational Safety and Health
COTA	Certified occupational therapist assistant
COTH	Council of Teaching Hospitals
CPAP	Continuous positive airway pressure
CPDA-1	Citrate phosphate dextrose adenine-1
CPHA	Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities
CPI	Consumer Price index
CPR	Customary, prevailing, and reasonable
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPS	Current Population Survey (Census Bureau)
CPSA	Consumer Product Safety Act
CPSC	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
CPT-4	Current Procedural Terminology, 4th Edition
CPV	Cumulative present value

CRIHB	California Rural Indian Health Board
CRL	Cholera Research Laboratory (Pakistan)
CRNA	Certified registered nurse anesthetist
CRNI	Certified registered nurse, intravenous
CRS	Congressional Research Service (U.S. Congress)
CRS	Cancer Response System (ACS)
CRTT	Certified respiratory therapy technician
CS	Cushing's syndrome
CSA	Community Services Administration (now Office of Community Services)
CSE	Community Services for the Elderly (New York State)
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CSF	Colony stimulating factor
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs
CSHO	Compliance Safety and Health Officer (Occupational Safety and Health Administration)
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organization (Australia)
CSO	Claims services only
CSP	Cooperative Studies Program (Department of Veterans Affairs)
CSPI	Center for Science in the Public Interest
CSRS	Cooperative State Research Service (Department of Agriculture)
CSWE	Council on Social Work Education
CSWG	Chemical Selection Working Group
CT	Computed tomography (scanning; also seen as CAT, computerized axial tomography)
CTF	Canadian Task Force on the Periodic Health Examination
CTFA	Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association
CTL	Cytotoxic T lymphocyte
CTS	Collaborative Testing Services
CVD	Cardiovascular disease
CVM	Center for Veterinary Medicine
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWLA	Child Welfare League of America

D

IDARP	Drug Abuse Reporting Program
IDARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (Department of Defense)
IDATOS	Drug Abuse Treatment Outcome Study
IDATTA	Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technology Assessment Program (American Medical Association)
IDAV	Disabled American Veterans
IDAWN	Drug Abuse Warning Network
IDBC	Dedicated biotechnology company
IDBCP	1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane
IDBP	Diastolic blood pressure
IDCB	1,4-Dichloro-2-butene
IDCF	Domiciliary care facility (also known as bead and care facility)
IDCRT	Division of Computer Research and Technology (National Institutes of Health)
IDD	Developmental disability
IDDST	Denver Developmental Screening Test
IDDT	1,1'-(2,2-trichloroethylidene)

DDT	Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloro-ethane
DEA	U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
DEC	Diethylcarbamazine
DEFRA	Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-369)
DEHP	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
DEN	Device Experience Network
DEPC	Diethylpyrocarbonate
DES	Diethylstilbestrol
DES	Drug Efficacy Study
DESI	Drug Efficacy Study implementation (project)
DHEW	U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (see DHHS)
DHF	Dengue hemorrhagic fever
DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
DHSS	Department of Health and Social Security (United Kingdom)
DIMED	Drugs Division of the Ministry of Health (Brazil)
DISC	Diagnostic Interview Schedule for Children
DM&S	Department of Medicine and Surgery (now called the Veterans Health Services and Research Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs)
DMD	Duchenne muscular dystrophy
DME	Durable medical equipment
DMF	Drug Master File
DMN	Dimethylnitrosamine
DMSO	Dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DNCP	Diet, Nutrition, and Cancer Program (NCI)
DNI	Do-Not-Intubate order
DNR	Do-Not-Resuscitate order
DNS	Director of nursing services
DO	Doctor of Osteopathy
DOC	U.S. Department of Commerce
DoD	U.S. Department of Defense
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice
DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
DON	Director of nursing
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
DP	Deblocking Protein
DPAHC	Durable power of attorney for health care
DPF	Deblocking Protein Factor
DPT	Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (combination vaccine)
DRG	Diagnosis-related group
DRG	Division of Research Grants (National Institutes of Health)
DRR	Division of Research Resources (National Institutes of Health)
DRS	Dementia Rating Scale
DRS	Diabetic Retinopathy Study
DRS	Division of Research Services (National Institutes of Health)
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography
DSF	Digital subtraction fluoroscope
DSM-III-R	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders (Third Edition Revised)
DTH	Delayed-type hypersensitivity
DTP	Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (combination vaccine)
DURIP	Defense University Research Initiative Program
DVA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (formerly, VA)
DVB	Department of Veterans Benefits (now called the Veterans Benefits Administration in the Department of Veterans Affairs)

E

EAA	Export Administration Act
EAAA	Export Administration Act Amendments of 1985
EAB	Ethics Advisory Board (DHHS)
EAC	Estimated acquisition cost (e.g., for pharmaceuticals)
EACH	Essential Access Community Hospital
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
ECA	Epidemiologic Catchment Area (Survey)
E C A	Epidemiologic Catchment Area program (National Institute of Mental Health)
ECaP	Exceptional Cancer Patients
ECC	Emergency cardiac care
ECG	Electrocardiogram (also EKG)
ECH	Emergency Care Hospital
ECMO	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
ECOG	Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group
ED	U.S. Department of Education
EDB	Ethylene dibromide
EDF	Environmental Defense Fund
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetate
EDTA	European Dialysis and Transplant Association
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EFM	Electronic fetal monitoring
EGF	Epidermal growth factor
EIA	Enzyme immunoassay
EISEP	Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (New York State)
EKG	Electrocardiogram (also ECG)
ELA	Establishment licensing application
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EMC	Electronic media claims
EMG	Electromyography
EMS	Emergency medical services
EMT	Emergency medical technician
EMTD	Estimated maximum tolerated dose
ENA	Emergency Nurses Association
EOP	Executive Office of the President
EP	Extraction procedure
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPC	European Patent Convention
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act
EPI	Expanded Program on Immunization (World Health Organization)
EPO	Erythropoietin
EPO	European Patent Office
EPSCoR	Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (National Science Foundation)
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program (Medicaid)
ER	Emergency room
ERC	Engineering Research Center (National Science Foundation)
ERC	Environmental Reporter Cases
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center (National Institute of Education)
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act
ERTA	Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981

ESG	U.S. Army and Joint Services Environmental Support Group (Department of Defense)
ESRD	End-stage renal disease
ESW	ExtraCorporeal shock waves
ESWL	ExtraCorporeal shock wave lithotripsy
ET	Expenditure target
ETIP	Experimental Technology Incentives Program (Department of Commerce)
ETS	Emergency Temporary Standard
ETS	Environmental tobacco smoke
EVIST	Ethics and Values in Science and Technology (National Science Foundation program)

F

FA	Fanconi's syndrome
FAA	U.S. Federal Aviation Administration
FACT	Foundation for Advancement in Cancer Therapies
FAI	Functional assessment inventory
FAM	Foundation for Alternative Medicine
FAMLI	Family Medicine Literature Index
FARS	Fatal Accident Reporting System
FASEB	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation (DOJ)
FCA	Freund's complete adjuvant
FCC	U.S. Federal Communications Commission
FDA	Food and Drug Administration (PHS, DHHS)
FDCA	Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
FDCA	Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
FDL	Fundamentally different factors
FEHB	Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan
FEP	Free erythrocyte protoporphyrin
FEPCA	Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act
FFP	Fresh-frozen plasma
FGF	Fibroblast growth factor
FH	Familial hypercholesterolemia
FHHC	Foundation for Hospice and Home Care
FHSA	Federal Hazardous Substance Labeling Act
FHSA	Federal Hazardous Substances Act
FHT	Face-hand test
FIC	Fogarty International Center (National Institutes of Health) (John E. Fogarty Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences)
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FINRRAGE	Feminist International Network of Resistance to Reproductive and Genetic Engineering
FIPR	Fondation de l'Industrie Pharmaceutique pour la Recherche (the French pharmaceuticals industry research foundation)
FMG	Foreign medical graduate
FmHA	Farmers Home Administration (USDA)
FNP	Family nurse practitioner
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service (Department of Agriculture)
FOA	Friends of Animals, Inc.
FOCMA	Feline-oncomavirus-cell-membrane-associated antigen
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act

FP	Family practitioner
FPP	Fetal protection policy
FR	Federal Register
FRAME	Fund for Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments
FRC	Federal Radiation Council
FSA	Forensic Science Associates
FSA	Family Support Administration (DHHS)
FSCP	Family Supped Center Program
FSF	Forensic Science Foundation
FSH	Follicle-stimulating hormone
FSIS	Food Safety Inspection Service (Department of Agriculture)
FSP	Family Survival Project (California)
F S R T C	Forensic Science Research and Training Center (FBI/DOJ)
FSS	Federal Supply Schedule
FTC	U.S. Federal Trade Commission
FTCA	Federal Tort Claims Act
FTCA	Federal Trade Commission Act
FTE	Full-time equivalent
FUO	Fever of unknown origin
FY	Fiscal year

G

G	Guanine
G-6-PD	Glucose+-phosphate-dehydrogenase
G-CSF	Granulocyte colony stimulating factor
G/FP	General/family practitioner
GABA	Gamma-aminobutyric acid
GAC	Geriatric assessment center
GAO	General Accounting Office (U.S. Congress)
GAIT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GAU	Geriatric assessment unit
GBS	Guillain-Barré syndrome
GC/MS	Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry
GCRC	General Clinical Research Center
GDP	Gross domestic product
GDS	Global Deterioration Scale
GEC	Geriatric Education Center (Health Resources and Services Administration)
GEU	Geriatric Evaluation Unit
GGT	Gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase
GHAA	Group Health Association of America
GI	Gastrointestinal
GIFT	Gamete intrafallopian transfer
GLP	Good Laboratory Practices
GM	General Motors
GM-CSF	Granulocyte-microphage colony stimulating factor
GME	Graduate medical education
GMENAC	Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee
GMI	Gorgas Memorial Institute of Tropical and Preventive Medicine (Panama)
GML	Gorgas Memorial Laboratory (Panama)
GMP	Good manufacturing practices
GND	Great Neglected Diseases of Mankind (program) (Rockefeller Foundation)
GNP	Geriatric nurse practitioner

GNP	Gross national product
GnRH	Gonadotropin releasing hormone
GP	General practitioner
GPCI	Geographic Practice Cost Index
GPIA	Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association
GPO	U.S. Government Printing Office
GRAFT	General Registry of Adrenal-Fetal Transplantation
GRAS	Generally recognized as safe
GRECC	Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (Department of Veterans Affairs)
GSA	Gerontological Society of America
GSA	U.S. General Services Administration
GSH	Reduced glutathione
GVHD	Graft-versus-host disease

H

HAH	Halogenated aromatic hydrocarbon
HAI	Health Action International
HAMM	Human amnion membrane matrix
HANES	Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
HBcAg	Hepatitis B core antigen
HBGM	Home blood glucose monitoring
HBIG	Hepatitis B immune globulin
HBsAg	Hepatitis B surface antigen
HBSM	Health Benefits Simulation Model (Lewin-VHI)
HC	Homocystinuria
HCA	Hospital Corporation of America
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration (DHHS)
hCG	Human chorionic gonadotropin
HCPCS	HCFA'S Common Procedure Coding System
HCRIS	Hospital Cost Report Information System
HCS	Hereditary cancer syndromes
HCUP	Hospital Cost and Utilization Project (NCHSR&HCTA)
HD	Huntington's disease
HD	Hemodialysis
HDL	High-density lipoprotein
HDLC	High density lipoprotein cholesterol
HDS	Hospital Discharge Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
HDS	Office of Human Development Services (DHHS)
HEEP	Health and Environmental Effects Profile
HEMA	Hydroxyethylmethacrylate
HERAC	Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (Department of Energy)
HERL	Health Effects Research Laboratory (DOE)
HES	Health Examination Survey
HEW	U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare
HFV	High frequency ventilation
Hgb	Hemoglobin
hGH	Human growth hormone
HGML	Human Gene Mapping Library
HHA	Home health agency
HHA/HRA	Health hazard/health risk appraisal

HHANES	Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
HHI	Herfindahl-Hirschman Index
HHMI	Howard Hughes Medical Institute
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (also DHHS)
HI	Hemagglutination inhibition
HI	Hospital Insurance (Part A of Medicare)
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America
Hib	Haemophilus influenza b
HIDA	Health Industry Distributors Association
HIM	Health Insurance Master Enrollment File
HIMA	Health Industry Manufacturers Association
HIP	Health Insurance Plan of New York
HIPC	Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative
HIS	Health Interview Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus (AIDS virus)
HIA	Human leukocyte antigen
HIA	Human leukocyte antigen system
hMG	Human menopausal gonadotropin
HMG CoA	3-Hydroxy-3-methyl glutaryl coenzyme-A reductase
HMO	Health maintenance organization
HMSA	Health manpower shortage area (Federal designation)
HNF	Hans Nieper Foundation
HORL	Home Office Reference Laboratory, Inc.
HP	Habilitation plan (developmental disabilities)
HP	Histolytic proteolytic enzyme
HPA-23	Heteropolytungstate
HPB	Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare Canada
HPLC	High performance liquid chromatography
HPOL	HMSA Placement Opportunity List
HPRT	Hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (or hypoxanthine phosphoribosyl transferase)
HRA	Health Resources Administration (former Public Health Service agency; see HRSA)
HRA	Health risk appraisals
HRET	Health Research and Educational Trust (New Jersey)
HRG	Health Research Group
HRS	Hazardous Ranking System
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration (PHS)
HSA	Health Services Administration (former Public Health Service agency; see HRSA)
HSA	Health services area
HSA	Health systems agency
HSDB	Hazardous Substances Data Bank
HSG	Hysterosalpingogram
HSI	Health status index
HSP	Health systems plan
HSQB	Health Standards and Quality Bureau (Health Care Financing Administration)
HSUS	Health Services Utilization Study (RAND Corporation)
HSWA	Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984
HTLV	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus (formerly, human T-cell leukemia virus)
HTLV-1	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus-1
HTLV-2	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus-2
HTLV-III	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus, type III (formerly, human T-cell leukemia virus, type III) (see HIV)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
HUGO	Human Genome Organization

IACUC	Institutional animal care and use committee
IACVF	international Association of Cancer Victors and Friends
IADL	Instrumental activities of daily living
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IAT	Immuno-Augmentative Therapy
IATC	Interagency Technical Committee
IATPA	IAT Patients' Association
IBA	Industrial Biotechnology Association
IBC	Institutional biosafety committee
IBV	Infectious bronchitis virus
ICD-9	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICDA	International Classification of Diseases, Amended
ICDDR/B	International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh
ICF	intermediate care facility
ICF/MR	Intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded
ICHHP	Improved Child Health Project
ICRP	International Commission of Radiological Protection
ICU	Intensive care unit
IDAV	Immune-deficiency-associated virus
IDDM	Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
IDE	Investigational device exemption
IEC	Institutional ethics committee
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEP	Individualized educational program
IFA	Indirect fluorescent antibody (test)
IFAC	Industry Functional Advisory Committee
IFPMA	international Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations
Ig	Immunoglobulin
IgA	Immunoglobulin A
IGC	Intermagnetics General Corporation
IgG	Immunoglobulin G
IgM	Immunoglobulin M
IHA	Indian Housing Authority (Department of Housing and Urban Development)
IHA	Indirect hemagglutination assay
IHCIA	Indian Health Care Improvement Act
IHP	Individualized habilitation plan
IHS	Indian Health Service (Public Health Service)
IHSS	In-Home Supportive Services (program) (California)
IL-2	Interleukin-2
ILAR	Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources (National Research Council)
ILC	Independent living center (also CIL)
ILRAD	International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases
IMA	Individual Medical Account
IMD	Institution for mental disease
IMMAL	Scientific Working Group on the Immunology of Malaria (TDR)
IMRU	Institute of Microbiology at Rutgers University
IMU	Index of Medical Underservice
INA	Ice nucleation active
IND	Investigational new drug (notice of claimed investigational exemption for a new drug)

INSERM	Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (National Health and Medical Research Institute - France)
IIOC	Inorganic compound
IIOCU	International Organization of Consumers Unions
IIOH	Institute of Occupational Health (Finland)
IOL	Intraocular lenses
IOM	Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Sciences)
IOP	Intraocular pressure
IIPA	Independent practice association; also seen as individual practice association
IPD	Intermittent peritoneal dialysis
IPM	Integrated pest management
IPO	Improved Pregnancy Outcome (project)
IPPB	Intermittent positive pressure breathing; and Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing Trial
IPV	Inactivated polio vaccine
IRAC	Interagency Research Animal Committee
IRB	Institutional review board
IRC	Immunology Researching Centre, Inc. (Bahamas)
IRF	Immunology Research Foundation (Great Neck, NY)
IRLG	Interagency Regulatory Liaison Group
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
ISBT	International Society of Blood Transfusion
ISDM	Indian self-determination memos
ISDN	Integrated services digital network
ISEF	International Science and Engineering Fair
ISFH	International Society for Forensic Haemogenetics
ISG	Immune serum globulin
ISO	International Standards Organization
ISTAHC	International Society for Technology Assessment in Health Care
ITA	U.S. International Trade Administration
ITC	U.S. International Trade Commission
ITC	Interagency Testing Committee
ITC	Investment tax credit
IUD	Intrauterine device
IUMRRG	Interagency Uranium Mining Radiation Review Group
IV	Intravenous
IVF	In vitro fertilization
IVGG	Intravenous gamma globulin
IVH	Intraventricular hemorrhage
IVI	In Vitro International, Inc.
IWRP	Individualized written rehabilitation program

J

JCAH	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (now the JCAHO)
JCAHO	Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JIS	Japanese Industrial Standards
JISC	Japanese Industrial Standards Committee
JTPA	Job Training Partnership Act

K

KFH	Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
KFHP	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan
kg	Kilogram
KPMCP	Kaiser Permanence Medical Care Program
KPNCR	Kaiser Permanence Northern California Region
KS	Kaposi's Sarcoma

L

LA	Latex agglutination (test)
L A M	Levo-alpha-acetyl-methadol
LADB	Laboratory Animal Data Bank
M M P	Long-Term Care Assessment and Management Program (Pennsylvania)
LAV	Lymphadenopathy-associated virus
LC ₅₀	Median lethal concentration
LC	Library of Congress (or LoC)
LC	Locus ceruleus
LD ₅₀	Median lethal dose
LDC	Less-developed country
LDL	Low density lipoproteins
LH	Luteinizing hormone
LH-RH	Luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone
LHD	Local health department
LOAEL	Lowest observed adverse effect level
LOCA	Loss of coolant accident (nuclear reactor)
LOS	Length of stay
LPD	Luteal phase defect
LPN	Licensed practical nurse
LPS	Lipopolysaccharide
LRC-CPPT	Lipid Research Clinics-Coronary Primary Prevention Trial
LRE	Least restrictive environment
LRTI	Lower respiratory tract infection
LSD	Lysergic acid diethylamide
LSRO	Life Sciences Research Office (FASEB)
LTC	Long term care
LVAD	Left ventricular assist device
LVN	Licensed vocational nurse
LVPPD	Low-frequency, positive pressure ventilation

M

M&R	Maintenance and repair
MAAC	Maximum allowable actual charge
MAbs	Monoclonal antibodies
MAC	Multispecialty Advisory Committee (BCBSNJ)

MAD	Multidimensional Assessment for Dementia scale
MADRS	Medicare Automated Data Retrieval System
MAF	Medical Assistance Facility
MaLAM	Medical Lobby for Appropriate Marketing (Australia)
MAO-B	Monoamine oxidase B
MBI	Maryland Biotechnology Institute
MCAT	Medical College Admissions Test
MCH	Maternal and child health
MCH	Maternal and Child Health program (Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and Resources Development, HRSA)
MCHSF	Medicare Continuous History Sample File
MCL	Maximum contaminant level
MCLG	Maximum contaminant level goal
MCR	Medicare cost report
MCS	Multiple chemical sensitivity
MD	Medical doctor
MDA	4,4'-methylenedianiline
MDC	Major diagnostic category
ME	Medical examiner
MEDIPP	Medical District Initiated Program Planning (Department of Veterans Affairs)
MEDISGRPS	Medical Illness Severity Grouping System
MEDLARS	Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System
MEDLINE	MEDLARS On-line
MEDPAR	Medicare Provider Analysis and Review file
MEI	Medicare Economic Index
MESA	Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration
MeSH	Medical subject headings
MEST	Muse ear swelling test
METs	Multiple employer trusts
MFI	Master Facility Inventory
mg	Milligram
MHAPPS	Modified Hazardous Air Pollutant Prioritization System
MHC	Migrant health center
MHREF	Montana Hospital Research and Education Foundation
MHS	Medicare History Sample
MHS	Mmultihospital system
MI	Myocardial infarction
MIB	Medical Information Bureau, Inc.
MIC	Maternity and Infant Care (project)
MID	Multi-infarct dementia
MIS	Management Information Service
MITI	Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)
ML	Mouse lymphoma
MLAA	Medical Library Assistance Act
MLD	Metachromatic leukodystrophy
MLP	Midlevel practitioner
MLR	Mixed leukocyte response
MMACS	Medicare/Medicaid Automated Certification System
MMR	Measles, mumps, and rubella (vaccine)
MMTV	Mouse mammary tumor virus
MMWR	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
MNC	Multinational corporation
MND	Motor neuron disease
MNIL	Medically needy income level
MNP	Medical Necessity Program (BCBSA)
MoAs	Memoranda of Agreement

MOPP	Mechlorethamine [nitrogen mustard] oncovine [vincristine], procarbazine, prednisone
MPBC	Midwest Plant Biotechnology Consortium
MPCA	Michigan Primary Care Association
MPP	Methylpyridine
MPTP	1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine
MR	Magnetic resonance
MR&A	Marketing Research and Analysis (Department of Veterans Affairs)
MREC	Medical Research Ethics Committee (Australia)
MRFIT	Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
mRNA	Messenger RNA
MRO	Medical research organization
MRP	Medical removal protection
MRS	Magnetic resonance spectroscopy
MS	Multiple sclerosis
MSA	Metropolitan statistical area
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration (Department of Labor)
MSKCC	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
MSQ	Mental Status Questionnaire
MSSD	Model Secondary School for the Deaf (federally-aided corporation; operated by Gallaudet University)
MSSP	Multipurpose Senior Services Program (California)
MSUD	Maple syrup urine disease
MTD	Maximum tolerated dose
mtDNA	Mitochondrial DNA
MUA	Medically underserved area (Federal designation)
MUA	Medically Undersexed Area
MUA/P	Medically Underserved Area/Population
MUP	Medically Underserved Population
MW	Molecular weight

N

NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NACAA	National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators
NACDS	National Association of Chain Drug Stores
NACHRI	National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions
NACo	National Association of Counties
NADA	New Animal Drug Application
NADAR	National AIDS Demonstration Research
NADH	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
NAE	National Academy of Engineering
NAFAC	National Association for Ambulatory Care Centers
NAHMOR	National Association of HMO Regulators
NAIC	National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NAL	National Agricultural Library (Department of Agriculture)
NAMCS	National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
NAMRU	Naval Medical Research Unit (Department of the Navy)
NANB	Non-A non-B hepatitis
NAPM	National Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacture=
NAPPH	National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals

NAPRALERT	Natural Product Data Base
NARD	National Association of Retail Druggists
NARF	National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
NARIC	National Rehabilitation Information Center
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NASA	U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASADAD	National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
NASHS	National Adolescent Student Health Survey
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
NBP	National Blood Policy
NBS	National Bureau of Standards (Department of Commerce)
NCAB	National Cancer Advisory Board
NCAHF	National Council Against Health Fraud
NCAMP	National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides
NCCAN	National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (DHHS)
NCCLS	National Committee on Clinical Laboratory Standards, Inc.
NCEP	National Cholesterol Education Program (sponsored by NHLBI)
NCHCT	National Center for Health Care Technology (former Public Health Service agency)
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics (Centers for Disease Control)
NCHSR	National Center for Health Services Research (former name of NCHSR&HCTA)
NCHSR&HCTA	National Center for Health Services Research and Health Care Technology Assessment (Public Health Service)
NCI	National Cancer Institute (NIH, DHHS)
NCI	National Cancer Institute (National Institutes of Health)
NCIC	National Crime Information Center
NCLIS	National Commission on Libraries and Information Science
NCNR	National Center for Nursing Research (National Institutes of Health)
NCPIE	National Council for Patient Information and Education
NCRA	National Cooperative Research Act of 1984
NCSH	National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health
NCTR	National Center for Toxicological Research (FDA, DHHS)
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (National Center for Health Statistics)
NDA	New Drug Application
NDATUS	National Drug and Alcoholism Treatment Unit Survey
NDE-MIS	New Drug Evaluation Management Information Systems
NDGA	Nordihydroguaiarectic acid
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
NEI	National Eye Institute (National Institutes of Health)
NEISS	National Electronic Injury Surveillance System
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NFT	Neurofibrillary tangles
NGA	National Governors' Association
NGF	Nerve growth factor
NHANES	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
NHCAA	National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association
NHDS	National Hospital Discharge Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
NHF	National Hemophilia Foundation
NHF	National Health Federation
NHIS	National Health Interview Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
NHIS-CH	National Health Interview Survey on Child Health (National Center for Health Statistics, Office of Maternal and Child Health [HRSA], and National Institute for Child Health and Human Development)

NHL	Non-Hodgkins lymphoma
NHLBI	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (National Institutes of Health)
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia)
NHSC	National Health Service Corps (BHCDA, HRSA, PHS)
NHSDA	National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (National Center for Health Statistics and National Institute on Drug Abuse)
NHTSA	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (Department of Transportation)
NIA	National Institute on Aging (National Institutes of Health)
NIAAA	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration)
NIAD	National Institute on Adult Daycare
NIADDK	National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (former institute of the National Institutes of Health; now see NIDDK)
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (National Institutes of Health)
NIAMS	National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (National Institutes of Health)
NIC	Newly-industrialized country
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (National Institutes of Health)
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit
NIDA	National Institute on Drug Abuse (Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration)
NIDDK	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (National Institutes of Health)
NIDR	National Institute of Dental Research (National Institutes of Health)
NIDRR	National Institute on Disabilities and Rehabilitation Research (Department of Education) (formerly NIHR)
NIEHS	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (National Institutes of Health)
NF	Nitrogen fixation
NIGMS	National Institute of General Medical Sciences (National Institutes of Health)
NIH	National Institutes of Health (Public Health Service)
NIHARC	National Institutes of Health Animal Research Committee
NIHB	National Indian Health Board
NIHR	National Institute of Handicapped Research (now see NIDRR)
NIJ	National Institute of Justice
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health (Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration)
NIMS	National Infant Mortality Survey (Centers for Disease Control)
NINCDS	National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke (National Institutes of Health)
NINDS	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (Centers for Disease Control)
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology (DOC)
NK	Natural killer (cells)
NLCHCR	National Leadership Coalition for Health Care Reform
NLETS	National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System
NLM	National Library of Medicine (National Institutes of Health)
NLN	National League for Nursing
NLRA	National Labor Relations Act
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board
NLS	National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience (Ohio State University)
NLSY	National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (Ohio State University)
NLTCS	National Long-Term Care Survey (Health Care Financing Administration/Assistant Secretary of HHS for Planning and Evaluation and U.S. Department of Commerce)
NMA	National Medical Association
NMAC	National Medical Audiovisual Center (National Library of Medicine)

NMC	National Medical Care, Inc.
NMCES	National Medical Care Expenditure Survey (NCHSR&HCTA)
NMCUES	National Medical Care Utilization and Expenditure Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
NMES	National Medical Expenditure Survey (NCHSR&HCTA)
NMFI	National Master Facility Inventory
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
NNHS	National Nursing Home Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
NNS	National Natality Survey (National Center for Health Statistics)
NOAEL	No observed adverse effects level
NOEL	No observed effects level
NOES	National Occupational Exposure Survey (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
NOHS	National Occupational Hazar Survey (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
NOSIE	Nurses' Observation Scale for Inpatient Evaluation
NOTA	National Organ Transplant Act
NP	Nurse practitioner
NPD	National Patent Development Corporation
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
NPDWR	National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
NPH	Normal pressure hydrocephalus
NPL	National Priority List (EPA sites)
NPN	Nonprotein nitrogen
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NPT	Nocturnal penile tumescence
NRC	National Research Council (National Academy of Sciences)
NRDC	National Research and Demonstration Center
NRDC	Natural Resources Defense Council
NRHA	National Rural Health Association
NSA	National Security Agency
NSA	Normal serum albumin
NSABP	National Surgical Adjuvant Project for Breast and Bowel Cancers
NSAM	National Survey of Adolescent Males
NSC	National Safety Council
NSC	National Survey of Children
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSFG	National Survey of Family Growth (NCHS, NICHD, and OPA)
NSMS	National Safety Management Society
NSO	National Service Officer (Department of Veterans Affairs)
NSPHPC	National Survey of Personal Health Practices and Consequences (National Center for Health Statistics)
NSYM	National Survey of Young Men
NSYW	National Survey of Young Women
NTID	National Technical Institute for the Deaf (federally-aided corporation; part of Rochester Institute of Technology)
NTIS	National Technical Information Service (Department of Commerce)
NTP	National Toxicology Program (PHS, DHHS)
NTP	National Toxicology Program (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences)
NWHL	National Wildlife Health Laboratory

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OAA	Older Americans Act
OAG	Open-angle glaucoma
OARS	Older American's Research and Service Center Instrument
OASDI	Old Age and Survivors' Disability Insurance
OASH	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (DHHS)
OB-GYN	Obstetrics-gynecology
OB/GYN	Obstetrician/gynecologist
OBER	Office of Basic Energy Research (Department of Energy)
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OBRA-81	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-35)
OBRA-86	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-509)
OBRA-87	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-203)
OBRA-89	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-239)
OBRA-90	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508)
OCAW	Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union
OCC	Office of Cancer Communications (National Cancer Institute)
OCCPR	Open-chest cardiopulmonary resuscitation
OCHAMPUS	Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (Department of Defense)
OCS	Office of Community Services (Family Support Administration)
OCSE	Office of Child Support Enforcement (Family Support Administration)
OCT	Omithine carbamoyl transferase (or omithine transcarbamylase)
ODE	Office of Demonstrations and Evaluation (Health Care Financing Administration)
ODF	Outpatient drug free
ODPHP	Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (Public Health Service)
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFA	Office of Family Assistance (Family Support Administration)
O F E	Office of Facilities' Engineering
OH	Ocular hypertension
OHDS	Office of Human Development Services (DHHS)
OTHER	Office of Health and Environmental Research (Department of Energy)
OHR	Office of Health Research (EPA)
OHSS	Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome
OHTA	Office of Health Technology Assessment (NCHSR&HCTA)
OIG	Office of the Inspector General (e.g., of DHHS)
OIML	International Organization for Legal Metrology
OJJDP	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Department of Justice)
OLP	Office of Legislation and Policy (Health Care Financing Administration)
OMAR	Office of Medical Applications of Research (National Institutes of Health)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (Executive Office of the President)
OME	Object Memory Evaluation
OME	Otitis media with effusion
OMIM	On-Line Mendelian Inheritance in Man
ONR	Office of Naval Research (Department of Defense)
OoB	Office of Biologics Research and Review (Food and Drug Administration)
OPA	Office of Population Affairs (Public Health Service)
OPD	Outpatient department
OPHC	Office of Prepaid Health Care (Health Care Financing Administration)
OPIC	Overseas Private Investment Corporation
OPM	U.S. Office of Personnel Management

OPMC	Office of Professional Medical Conduct (State of New York)
OPP	Office of Pesticide Programs (EPA)
OPV	Oral polio vaccine
OR	Office of Research (Health Care Financing Administration)
OR	Operating room
ORD	Office of Research and Demonstrations (Health Care Financing Administration)
ORH	Office of rural health (State-level)
ORHP	Office of Rural Health Policy (Health Resources and Services Administration)
ORR	Office of Refugee Resettlement (Family Support Administration)
ORT	Oral dehydration therapy
OSAP	Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration)
OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (Department of Education)
OSH	Office on Smoking and Health (Public Health Service)
OSH Act	Occupational Safety and Health Act
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Department of Labor)
OSMA	Office of Small Manufacturers Assistance (Food and Drug Administration)
OSTP	Office of Science and Technology Policy (Executive Office of the President)
OT	Occupational therapist
OTA	Office of Technology Assessment (U.S. Congress)
OTC	Over-the-counter drug
OTI	Office of Treatment Improvement (ADAMHA, PHS, DHHS)
OTS	Office of Toxic Substances (Environmental Protection Agency)

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P,P'-DDE	1,1'-(2,2-dichloroethenylidene)
P/S	Pyrimethamine/sulfadoxine
PA	Physician assistant
PA	Plasminogen activator
PA	Physician assistant
PAC	Pharmaceutical Advertising Council
PaCS	Patient Care and Services (quality assurance instrument, DHHS)
PACS	Picture archiving and communications system
PAF	Platelet activating factor
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PAHs	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon
PAMIE	Physical and Mental Impairment of Function Evaluation
PAS	Para-aminosalicylic acid
PAS	Professional Activity Study
PASSPORT	Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (Ohio)
PATBILL	Medicare's inpatient bills file
PBBs	Polybrominated biphenyls
PC	<u>Progenitor cryptocides</u>
PCBs	Polychlorinated biphenyls
PCCA	Primary care cooperative agreement
PCE	Pentachloroethane
PCEH	President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped
PCIS	Patient Care Information System
PCP	Phencyclidine
PCP	Pentachlorophenol
PCP	Phencyclidine phosphate ("angel dust")

PCP	Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PDB	Protein Data Bank
PDD	Pervasive developmental disorder
PDGF	Platelet derived growth factor
PDPRC	Prescription Drug Payment Review Commission (U.S. Congress) (more commonly known as RxPRC)
PDQ	Physician Data Query (NCI)
PDT	Photodynamic therapy
PEEP	Positive end expiratory pressure
PEL	Permissible exposure limit (Occupational Safety and Health Administration)
PET	Positron emission tomography
PFC	Plaque forming cell
PFTH	Program for the Handicapped (CHAMPUS)
PGDRS	Psychogeriatric Dependency Rating Scale
PGP	Prepaid group practice
PHC	Pediatric Home Care
PHDDS	PRO Hospital Discharge Data Set
PHI-IS	Preventive Health and Health Services (block grant)
PHP	Prepaid health plan
PHS	Public Health Service (DHHS)
PHSA	Public Health Service Act
PhysPRC	Physician Payment Review Commission (U.S. Congress) (more generally shown as PPRC)
PIC	Policy Information Center (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS)
PID	Pelvic inflammatory disease
PID	Program information document
PIR	Protein Identification Resource
PKU	Phenylketonuria
PLA	Product Licensing Application
PMA	Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association
PMA	Premarket approval
PMAA	Premarket approval application
PMC	Patient management category
PMMA	Polymethylmethacrylate
PMN	Premanufacture Notice
PNI	Psychoneuroimmunology
PNP	Purine nucleoside phosphorylase (enzyme)
PNS	Peripheral nervous system
POD	Polycystic ovarian disease
POMS	Program Operations Manual System
POS	Provider of Service File
POSCH	Program on the Surgical Control of the Hyperlipidemias
PPA	Plant Patent Act
PPA	Private practice assignment
ppb	parts per billion
PPD	Purified protein derivative
PPF	Plasma protein fraction
PPI	Physician Performance Index
pprn	parts per million
PPO	Preferred provider organization
PPO	Private practice option
PPRC	Physician Payment Review Commission (U.S. Congress)
PPS	Prospective payment system (Medicare)

PRI	Primate Research Institute (University of New Mexico)
PRO	Peer review organization
ProPAC	Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (U.S. Congress)
PSAS	Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service (Department of Veterans Affairs)
PSP	Progressive supranuclear palsy
PSRO	Professional standards review organization
PSTC	Program in Science and Technology Cooperation (U.S. Agency for International Development)
PSU	Primary sampling unit
PT	Physical therapist
PTA	Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty
PTAA	Patent and Trademark Amendment Act
PTC	Prothrombin complex
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
PTEC	Prosthetic Technology Evaluation Committee (Department of Veterans Affairs)
PTL	Phenylthiourea
PTO	Patent and Trademark Office
PTSD	Post-traumatic stress disorder
PVA	Paralyzed Veterans of America
PVD	Peripheral vascular disease
PVIZT	1-phenyl-5-vinyl-2-imidazolidine-thione
PVN	Predicted value negative
PVP	Predicted value positive
PVPA	Plant Variety Protection Act
Px	Peroxidase

Q

QALY	Quality-adjusted life year
QSAR	Quantitative structure-activity relationships

R

R&D	Research and development
RAC	Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (National Institutes of Health)
Rb	Retinoblastoma
RB/RVS	Resource-based relative value scale (Medicare)
RBC	Red blood cell
RBRVS	Resource-based relative value scale
rCD4	Recombinant soluble CD4
RCHSA	Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCT	Randomized clinical trial
RDA	Recommended dietary allowance
RDLP	Research and development limited partnership
rDNA	Recombinant DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)
RDS	Respiratory distress syndrome
REACH	Rural Efforts to Assist Children at Home
RES	Reticuloendothelial system
RF	Radiofrequency waves

RFLP	Restriction fragment length polymorphism
RFP	Request for proposal
RHC	Rural health clinic (Medicare/Medicaid-certified)
RHo(D)	anti-Rh antigen immune globulin
rHuEPO	Recombinant (human) erythropoietin
RIA	Radioimmunoassay
RICO	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act
RICU	Respiratory intensive care unit
RIPA	Radioimmunoprecipitation assay
RISA	Radioimmunosorbent assay
RIT	Rochester Institute of Technology
RMCL	Recommended maximum contaminant level
RMP	Regional Medical Program
RN	Registered nurse
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
ROP	Retinopathy of prematurity
RPAR	Rebuttable presumptions against registration
RPCH	Rural Primary Care Hospital
RPHA	Reverse passive hemagglutination (test)
RPMS	Resource and Patient Management System
RQ	Reportable quantity
RRC	Residency review committee
RRC	Rural referral center (Medicare-certified)
RRF	Registered research facility
RRT	Registered respiratory therapist
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration (Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education)
RSA	Resource sharing agreement
RSV	Respiratory syncytial virus
RT	Respiratory therapist
RTC	Research and training centers (NIDRR)
RTC	Residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children
RTECS	Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)
RUG	Resource utilization group
RUG-II	Resource utilization group system used by New York State case mix evaluation
RVF	Rift Valley fever
RVS	Relative value scale
RWJ	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (also seen as RWJF)
RxPRC	Prescription Drug Payment Review Commission (U.S. Congress)

S

S/HMO	Social (services) and health maintenance organization
SAB	Scientific Advisory Board
SADAP	State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Profile
SAES	State Agricultural Experiment Stations
SAIDS	Simian acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
SAM	Society for Adolescent Medicine
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (in USDHHS, PHS)
SAR	Structure-activity relationship
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
SAT	Serum alpha-1-antitrypsin

SBA	Small Business Administration
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research (program)
SC	Subcutaneous
SCA	Sickle cell anemia
SCAG	Sandoz Clinical Assessment Geriatric Scale
SCAN	Senior Care Action Network (California)
SCD	Sterile connection device
SCE	Sister chromatid exchange
SCH	Sole community hospital (Medicare-certified)
SCO	Supportive care only
SDAT	Senile dementia of the Alzheimer type
SDD	Specific developmental disorder
SDMIX	South Dakota Medical Information Exchange
SDW	Survey of Disability and Work (Social Security Administration, DHHS)
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SEC	U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
SEED	Service Enriched Communities for the Elderly and Disabled (program) (California)
SEER	Suveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program (National Cancer Institute)
SENIC	Study on the Efficacy of Nosocomial Infection Control (Centers for Disease Control)
SES	Socioeconomic status
SGA	Substantial gainful activity
SGOT	Serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase (former name for AST)
SGPT	Serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase (former name for ALT)
SHCC	Statewide health coordinating council
SHPDA	State health planning and development agency
SIC	Standard industrial code
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification
SIDS	Sudden infant death syndrome
SIP	Survey of Institutionalized Persons (Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce)
SITE	Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation
SLA	Statutory Licensing Authority (United Kingdom)
SMDM	Society for Medical Decision Making
SMHA	State Mental Health Agency
SMHS	State Medicaid Household Survey
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SNARL	Suggested no adverse response level
SNF	Skilled nursing facility
SNUR	Significant New Use Rule
SOBRA	Sixth Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986
SOC	Synthetic organic chemical
SOD	Superoxide dismutase
SOM	Sensitivity of method
SPCA	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SPECT	Single photon emission computed tomography
SPMSQ	Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire
SPRANS	Special Projects of Regional and National Significance
SRBC	Sheep red blood cell
SRBI	Schulman, Ronca, & Bucuvalas, Inc.
SRCD	Society for Research in Child Development
SRI	Stanford Research Institute
SSASSA	Social Security Administration (DHHS)
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance (program) (Social Security Administration)
SSI	Supplemental Security Income (program) (Social Security Administration)
SSN	Social security number

SSR	Society for the Study of Reproduction
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
STEL	Short term exposure limit
STG	Stuugroep Toekomstscenario's Gezondheidszorg (The Netherlands' Steering Committee on Future Health Scenarios)
STS	Serological test for syphilis
SUP	Sustaining University Program
SUR	Safe Use Rule

T

T	Thymine
T&A	Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy
T&S	Type-and-screen
T/S	Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole
TA1	Tumor Antibody 1
TA2	Tumor Antibody 2
TAR	Treatment assessment research
TASC	Treatment Alternative to Street Crime
TC	Therapeutic community
TC	Tumour Complement
TCDD	2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
TCDD	Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
TCE	Trichloroethylene
TCGF	T-cell growth factor (also known as interleukin-2)
TDB	Toxicology Data Bank (National Library of Medicine)
TDI	Toluene diisocyanate
TDM	Therapeutic drug monitoring
TDR	Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (U.N. Development Program/World Bank/World Health Organization)
TDRC	Toxic Design Research Committee
TEC	Technology Evaluation and Coverage Program (BCBSA)
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (P.L. 97-248)
TH	Tyrosine hydroxylase
THA	Tetrahydroaminoacridine
THC	delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
TIACC	Therapeutic Inequivalency Action Coordinating Committee (Food and Drug Administration)
TIF	Tumor induction factor
TIL	Tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes
TIPP	The Injury Prevention Program (American Academy of Pediatrics)
TLV	Threshold limit value
TMV	Tobacco mosaic virus
TNF	Tumor necrosis factor
TOPS	Treatment Outcome Prospective Study
TPA	Third party administrator
tPA	Tissue type plasminogen activator
TPMG	The Permanence Medical Group, Inc.
TPN	Total parenteral nutrition
TPQ	Threshold planning quantity
TRAIS	Tribal Resource and Assistance Information System

TRI	Toxic Release Inventory
Triple I	Interstate Identification Index (NCIC)
tRNA	Transfer RNA
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
TSD	Tay-Sachs disease
TWA	time weighted average
TWGDAM	Technical Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods (DOJ)

U

UAGA	Uniform Anatomical Gifts Act
UAMCMDS	Uniform Ambulatory Medical Care Minimum Data Set
UAW	United Auto Workers
UCC	Uniform Commercial Code
UCLA	University of California at Los Angeles
UCR	Usual, customary, and reasonable
UFFI	Urea-formaldehyde foam insulation
UHDDS	Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set
UL	Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
UMTA	Urban Mass Transportation Administration (Department of Transportation)
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNCTC	United Nations Centre on Translational Corporations
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (now the United Nations Children's Fund)
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNSCEAR	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
UPF -	United Parkinson Foundation
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
UR	Utilization review
URTI	Upper respiratory tract infection
USAMRIID	United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases
USC	United States Code
USCA	United States Court of Appeals
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
USP DI	United States Pharmacopeial Dispensing Information
USP	United States Pharmacopoeia
USPHS	United States Public Health Service
USPS	United States Postal Service
USPSTF	United States Preventive Services Task Force"
USTR	United States Trade Representative
USUHS	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
UV	Ultra-violet (radiation)

V

VA	Veterans Administration (now Department of Veteran Affairs)
VAD	ventricular assist device
VAMKC	Veterans Administration Marketing Center, Hines, Illinois
VAPC	Veterans Administration Prosthetics Center
VAT	Value added tax
VBA	Veterans Benefits Administration (Department of Veterans Affairs)
VCM	Vinyl chloride monomer
VFW	Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
VHA	Voluntary Hospitals of America
VHAI	Voluntary Health Association of India
VHS&RA	Veterans Health Services and Research Administration (Department of Veterans Affairs)
VLA	Voluntary Licensing Authority (United Kingdom)
VLDL	Very low-density lipoprotein
VNA	Visiting Nurse Association
VNTR	Variable number of tandem repeats
VOC	Volatile synthetic organic chemical
VP	Vasopressin
VR	Vocational rehabilitation
VSG	Variant surface glycoprotein
VZIG	Varicella zoster immune globulin

W

WAIS	Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale
WAK	Wearable artificial kidney
WAMI	Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho
WBC	White blood cell
WBGH	Washington Business Group on Health
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization (UN)
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children Program
WIPO	World International Property Organization
WMA	World Medical Association
WMS	Weschler Memory Scale
WRAIR	Walter Reed Army Institute of Research
WRPRC	Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center

X Y Z

XP	Xeroderma pigmentosum
YAG	Yttrium/aluminum/garnet (laser)