## Common Acronyms used in Healthcare

- **AAAASF** – American Association for Accreditation for Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc.
- **AAACN** - American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
- **AAAHC** – Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare
- **AACD** – American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry
- **AACN** - American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- **AACN** – American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- **AAMI** – Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
- **AAPCC** – Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost
- **AAPN** – American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- **AATB** – American Association of Tissue Banks
- **ABNS** – American Board of Nursing Specialists
- **ACGIH** – American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
- **ACGME** - Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
- **ACHI** - Association for Community Health Improvement (AHA Personal Membership Group)
- **ACO** – Accountable Care Organizations
- **ACS** – American Colleague of Surgeons
- **ACSI** – APIC Consulting Services, Inc.
- **AdvaMed** – Advanced Medical Technology Association
- **AEM** – Active Electrode Monitoring
- **AESOP** – Association of European Schools of Planning
- **AEU** – Administrator Education Units
- **AFPP** – Association for Perioperative Practice (National Association of Theater Nurses)
- **AHA** – American Hospital Association
- **AHCA** - Association of Healthcare Administrative Professionals (AHA Personal Membership Group)
- **AHNA** - American Holistic Nurses Association
- **AHRMM** - Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHA Personal Membership Group)
- **AHRQ** – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- **AHVRP** - Association for Healthcare Volunteer Resource Professionals (AHA Personal Membership Group)
- **AIA** – American Institute of Architects
- **ALOS** – Average Length of Stay
- **AMDR** – Association of Medical Reprocessor
- **AMIA** – American Medical Informatics Association
- **ANA** – American Nurses Association
- **ANCC** – American Nurses Credentialing Center
- **ANI** – Alliance for Nursing Informatics
- **ANSI** – American National Standards Institute
- **ANSR** – Americans for Nursing Shortage Relief
- **AOA** – American Osteopathic Association
- **AOHA** – American Osteopathic Hospital Association
• AONE – American Organization of Nurse Executives
• APC – Ambulatory Payment Classification
• APG - Ambulatory Payment Group
• APIC – Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
• APRN – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
• APS – Advanced Practice Strategies
• APS – Ambulatory Perioperative Specialists
• APSNA - American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
• ARIN – Association of Radiologic and Imaging Nurses
• ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
• ASA – American Society of Anesthesia
• ASAE – American Society of Association Executives
• ASC – American Society of Cardiology
• ASCA – Ambulatory Surgery Center Association
• ASCOA – Ambulatory Surgery Centers of America
• ASCPAC- Ambulatory Surgery Center Political Action Committee
• ASHCP – American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors
• ASHCSPP – American Society for Health Care Central Service Professionals (joined IAHCSMM 9/07)
• ASHE - American Society for Healthcare Engineering (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• ASHES - American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• ASHHRA - American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• ASHRM - American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• ASPAN – American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
• ASPS – American Society of Plastic Surgery
• AVIR - Association of Vascular and Interventional Radiographers
• AWHONN – Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses
• B2B – Business-to-Business
• B2C – Business-to-Consumer
• CAH – Critical Access Hospital
• CASC – Certified – Administrator Surgery Center
• CBIC - Certification Board in Infection Control
• CBL – Confidence Based Learning
• CBO – Congressional Budget Office
• CBSPD – Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc.
• CCHIT - Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology
• CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
• CDCF – CDC Foundation
• CDS – Clinical Decision Report
• CLIA – Clinical Lab Improvement Act
• CMA – Constitute Member Associations
• CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
• CNP – Council for National Policy
• CNPE - Congress on Nursing Practices and Economics
- CNPII – Committee on Nursing Practice Informatics Infrastructure
- COI – Conflict of Interest
- CPA – Coalition for Patient Rights
- CPI – Consumer Price Index
- CRC – Conditions for coverage (Medicare ruling)
- CSC – Computer Sciences Corporation
- CSFA – Certified Surgical First Assist
- CSN – College of Southern Nevada
- CSPS – Council of Surgical Patient Safety
- DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services
- DME – Durable Medical Equipment
- DOD – Department of Veterans Affairs
- DRG – Diagnostic Related Groups
- DSH – Disproportionate Share Hospitals
- EAC – Executive Advisory Board
- EBAA – Eye Bank Association of America
- ECRI – Emergency Care Research Institute
- EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- EFCA – Employees Free Choice Act
- EHR – Electronic Health Record
- EKS&H – Ekrhardt, Keefe, Steiner, Hottman PC
- EKSH – Erhardt Keef Steiner & Hottman PC
- EMEA – European Medicine Evaluation Agency
- ENA – Emergency Nurse Association
- EORNA – European Operating Room Nurses
- EP – Elements of Performance
- ESI – Exhibitor Survey, Inc.
- ESNO – European Specialist Nurses Organization
- FAST – Fellow Associate Surgical Technologist
- FGI – Facilities Guideline Institute
- FMCA – Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services
- FME – Foreign Medical Graduate
- FPPE – Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (TJC standards)
- GAO – Government Accountability Office
- GME – Graduate Medical Education
- HCA – Hospital Corporation of America
- HCFA – Health Care Financiering Administration
- HCO – Home and Community Options
- HELP – Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- HGRC – Healthcare Guidelines Revision Committee
- HHA – Home Health Agency
- HHS – Health and Human Services
- HIDA – Health Industry Distributors Association
- HIMS – Health Information Management System
- HIMSS – Health Information Management System Society
- HIPPA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
• HIRA – Health Industry Representatives Association
• HIT – Health and Information Technology
• HIT – Health Information Technology
• HITSP – Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel
• HL7 – Health Level 7
• HMMC – Healthcare Manufacturers Management Council
• HOPDS – Hospital Out Patient Departments
• HRSA – Health Resources and Servicers Administration
• HSTM – HealthStream, Inc.
• IAHCSMM – International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management
• ICC – International Certification Commission
• IDN – Integrated Delivery Network
• IDSA – Industrial Designers Society of America
• IDSA – Infectious Disease Society of America
• IFPN – International Federation of Perioperative Nurses
• IHAC – Innovative Healthcare Access Coalition
• IHI - Institute for Healthcare Improvement
• IMDA – Independent Medical Manufacturer Distributors Association
• IPPS – Inpatient Prospective Payment System
• ISG – Partner of iMIS
• ISO – International Organization for Standardization
• ISPS – International Sharps Injury Prevention
• JOH – Join our Heroes
• JVLR – Joint Venture Lifetime Record’s
• LDFT – Leadership Development Taskforce
• MCN – Maternal Child Nursing
• MDDI – Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry
• MDMA – Medical Device Manufacturers Association
• MedPAC - Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
• MFA - Medical Fitness Association (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• MLA – Medical Library Association
• MLA – Modern Language Association
• MOU – Memo of Understanding
• MRSN – Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
• NAHTM - The National Association of Healthcare Transport Management (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• NANDA – North American Nursing Diagnosis
• NAPNAP – National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
• NCE – National Committee on Education
• NCSBN – National Council of State Board of Nursing
• NCVHS – National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
• NDNQI – National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators
• NFNN – National Federation of Nurses (National Union for RNs)
• NHSC – National Health Service Corps
• NHSN – National Healthcare Safety Network
• NIC – Nursing Intervention Classifications
• NIFA – National Institute of First Assisting
• NIH – National Institute for Health
• NINR – National Institute of Nursing Research
• NISS – National Institute of Statistical Science
• NLC – National Legislative Committee
• NLDC – Nominating and Leadership Development Committee
• NLM – National Library of Medicine
• NLN – National League of Nursing
• NLRA – National Labor Relations Act
• NNSDO – National Nursing Staff Development Organization
• NPHF – Nurse Practice Healthcare
• NPSF – National Patient Safety Foundation
• NPSG - National Patient Safety Goals
• NQF – National Quality Forum
• NQF - National Quality Forum
• NRAH – National Rural Health Association
• NSNA – National Student Nurses Association
• Nursing CAS – Centralized Application Service
• NYSNS – New York State Nursing Association
• ONS – Oncology Nursing Society
• OPP - Office of Pesticide Programs
• OPPE - Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (TJC standards)
• ORPD – OR Product Director
• PHAMA – Patient Handling and Movement Assessment
• PNDS – Perioperative Nursing Data Base
• PNDS – Perioperative Nursing Data Set
• PNP – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
• PSO – Patient Safety Organizations
• QAPI – Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement
• RCRA – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
• REASN – Resourcefully Enhance Surgery in Specialty Nursing
• RFI - Recommendation for improvement
• RFID – Radio Frequency Identification Tags
• RID – Reduce Infection Deaths
• RSOP – Recommended Standard of Practice
• SAN - Storage Area Network
• SAS - Surgical Anesthesia Services
• SCOAP - Surgical Care and Outcomes Assessment Program
• SDK – Software Development Kit
• SEIU – Service Employee International Union
• SGNA – Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates Inc.
• SHCA - Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• SHEA – Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
• SHSMD - Society for Healthcare Strategy & Market Development (AHA Personal Membership Group)
• SIR - Society of Interventional Radiology
- **SME** – Subject Matter Experts
- **SNOMED CT** – Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms
- **SOW** – Statement of Work
- **SPF** – Standardized Perioperative Framework
- **SSI** – Surgical Site Infections
- **SSP** – Standards and Survey Procedures
- **STS** – Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- **SUD** – Single Use Device
- **TAG** – Technical Advisory Groups
- **TIGER** – Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform
- **TJC** – The Joint Commission
- **TMC** – Technology Management Council
- **TMIT** – Texas Medical Institute of Technology
- **UAGA** – Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
- **UAN** – United American Nurses
- **UNOS** – United Network of Organ Sharing
- **UPMIFA** – Unified Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, 2006
- **USPI** – Unites Surgical Partners International
- **VNAA** – Visiting Nurse Association of America
- **WWSI** – Watson Caring Science Institute