

## Common Acronyms used in Healthcare

- **AAAASF** – American Association for Accreditation for Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc.
- **AAACN** - American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
- **AAHC** – 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
- **AANA** – American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- **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 College 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
- **AHCAP** - 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
- **ASHCSP** – American Society for Health Care Central Service Professionals (joined IAHCSSM 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

- **CNPPII** – 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 Financing 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 Services Administration
- **HSTM** – HealthStream, Inc.
- **IAHCMM** – 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
- **MRSA** – Methicillian-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
- **NFN** – 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