

# List of Main Abbreviations

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ABPI	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
ACC	Accident Compensation Corporation (New Zealand)
ACP	Appraisal Committee (The Netherland)
ACPM	Advisory Committee on Prescription Medicines
ADEC	Australian Drug Evaluation Committee
ADSE	<i>Assistência na Doença aos Servidores Civis do Estado</i> (Assistance in Disease to Civil Public Servants – Portugal)
AFSSAPS	<i>Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire Produits de Santé</i> (French Health Products Safety Agency)
AIC	<i>Autorizzazione Immissione in Commercio</i> (marketing authorization)
AIFA	<i>Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco</i> (Italian Medicines Agency)
AMNOG	<i>Arzneimittelmarktneuordnungsgesetz</i> (Reform of the Market for Medicinal Products – Germany)
AMVSG	<i>Arzneimittelversorgungsstärkungsgesetz</i> (Pharmaceutical Care Strengthening Act – Germany)
ANSM	<i>Agence Nationale de Sécurité du Médicament et des Produits de Santé</i> (National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety – France)
AO	<i>Azienda Ospedaliera</i> (Hospital Unit – Italy)
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (US)
ARTG	Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (Australia)
ASA	<i>Amélioration du Service Attendu</i> (Improvement in Expected Benefit – France)
ASL	<i>Azienda Sanitaria Locale</i> (Local Health Unit – Italy)
ASMR	<i>Amélioration du Service Medical Rendu</i> (Improvement in the Relative Medical Benefit – France)
ATAGI	Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (Australia)
ATC	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical
AWMSG	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
CA	Commercial Agreements
CADIME	<i>Centro Andaluz de Documentación e Información del Medicamento</i> (Spain)
CANM	<i>Comité de Evaluación de Nuevos Medicamentos</i> (Catalonia, Spain)
CATS	<i>Comissão de Avaliação de Tecnologias de Saúde</i> (Health Technology Assessment Commission – Portugal)
CBG	<i>College ter Beoordeling van Geneesmiddelen</i> (Medicines Evaluation Board – The Netherlands)
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Groups
CED	Coverage with Evidence Development

CEESP	<i>Commission d'Évaluation Économique et de Santé Publique</i> (Commission for Economic Evaluation and Public Health)
CENM	Joint Committee for the Evaluation of New Medicines (Spain)
CEPS	<i>Comité Economique des Produits de Santé</i> (Economic Committee on Health Care Products – France)
CFH	<i>Commissie Farmaceutische Hulp</i> (Dutch Pharmaceutical Assistance Committee – The Netherlands)
CFT	Commission of Therapeutic and Pharmacy (Spain)
CHEs	Crown Health Enterprises (New Zealand)
CIPE	Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning
CIPM	<i>Comisión Interministerial de Precios</i> (Spain)
CISNS	National Health System Inter-Territorial Council (Spain)
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CNEDIMTS	<i>Commission Nationale d'Evaluation des Dispositifs Médicaux et des Technologies de Santé</i> (National Commission for the Evaluation of Medical Devices)
CNFT	<i>Comissão Nacional de Farmácia e Terapêutica</i> (National Commission on Pharmaceutical Products – Portugal)
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
COMET	Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials
CPF	<i>Comité Permanente de Farmacia del Consejo Interterritorial de Salud</i> (Spain)
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPR	Prices and Reimbursement Committee
CPRD	Clinical Practice Research Datalink (UK)
CSC	Catalan Health and Social Care Consortium
CSS	<i>Consiglio Superiore di Sanità</i> (Italy)
CSU	Commissioning Support Unit (UK)
CTS	Technical-Scientific Committee
DATS	<i>Direcção de Avaliação das Tecnologias de Saúde</i> (Health Technology Assessment Direction – Portugal)
DD	<i>Distribuzione Diretta</i> (drugs distributed directly through hospital pharmacies – Italy)
DGCBSF	<i>Dirección General de Cartera Basica y Farmacia</i> (General Direction of Basic Health Services and Pharmacy – Spain)
DH	Department of Health (UK)
DHBs	District Health Boards (New Zealand)
DIMDI	<i>Deutsches Institut für Medizinische Dokumentation und Information</i> (German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information)
DKG	German Hospital Federation
DoHA	Department of Health and Ageing (Australia)
DPC	<i>Distribuzione Per Conto</i> (drugs distributed by territorial pharmacies – Italy)

DRG	Diagnosis Related Group
DTCA	Direct-To-Consumer Advertising
DUSC	Drug Utilization Sub-Committee (Australia)
EAMS	Early Access to Medicine Scheme
EAPs	Early Access Programs
EEA	European Economic Area
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EHCI	Euro Health Consumer Index
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EPF	European Patient Forum
ERP	External Reference Pricing
ESC	Economics Sub-Committee (Australia)
EUPATI	European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation Project
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FFDCA	Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
G-BA	<i>Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss</i> (Federal Joint Committee – Germany)
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GKV	<i>Gesetzliche Krankenversicherung</i> (German statutory health insurance)
GKV-SV	<i>GKV-Spitzenverband</i> (National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Funds)
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practices
GP	General Practitioner
GTMP	Gene Therapy Medicinal Products
GU	<i>Gazzetta Ufficiale</i> (Official Gazette – Italy)
GUEU	<i>Gazzetta Ufficiale dell'Unione Europea</i> (European Official Gazette)
GVS	Medicines Reimbursement System (The Netherlands)
HAS	<i>Haute Autorité de Santé</i> (French National Health Authority)
HFA	Health Funding Authority (New Zealand)
HPFB	Health Products and Food Branch (Canada)
HSD	Highly Specialized Drug
HST	Highly Specialised Technologies (UK)
HTA	Health Technology Assessment
ICASE	Integrated Care and Support Exchange (UK)
ICD-10-GM	International Classification of Diseases
ICER	Incremental Cost-Effectiveness Ratio
ICF	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
ICHOM	International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement
ICN	Information Communication and Network (Japan)
ICS	Catalan Health Institute
INGESA	<i>Instituto de Gestión Sanitaria</i> (Spain)

IQWiG	<i>Institut für Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit im Gesundheitswesen</i> (Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care – Germany)
IRP	International Reference Pricing
ISS	<i>Istituto Superiore di Sanità</i> (Italy)
ITR	Relative Therapeutic Index (France)
JHIA	Japan Health Insurance Association
JMA	Japan Medical Associations
KBV	National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians
KZBV	National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Dentists
LEA	<i>Livelli Essenziali di Assistenza</i> (essential level of care – Italy)
LSDP	Life Saving Drugs Program (Australia)
MA	Market Access
MA	Marketing Authorization
MAA	Market Access Agreements
MAH	Marketing Authorization Holder
MATCH	Multidisciplinary Assessment of Technology Centre for Healthcare (UK)
MAu	Marketing Authorization
MBS	Medicare Benefits Scheme (Australia)
MEAs	Managed Entry Agreements
Medsafe	New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority
MES	Managed Entry Scheme (Australia)
MH	Ministry of Health
MHLW	Ministry Health Labour & Welfare (Japan)
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (UK)
MLS	Medicare Levy Surcharge (Australia)
MPA	<i>Läkemedelsverket</i> (Medical Products Agency – Sweden)
NCE	New Chemical Entity
NHI	National Health Insurance (Japan)
NHS	National Health Service (UK)
NIBSC	National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (UK)
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (UK)
NIHR	National Institute of Health Research (UK)
NIP	National Immunization Program
NIPH	National Institute of Public Health (Japan)
NOC	Notice of Compliance
NZPHD Act	New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act
OBB	Online Bulletin Boards
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSMED	<i>OSservatorio sull'impiego dei MEDicinali</i> (medicines utilization monitoring centre – Italy)
OSP	hospital prescription (Italy)
OFT	Office of Fair Trading (UK)
OTC	Over The Counter

P&R	pricing and reimbursement
P4P	Payment for Performance Agreements
PBAC	Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (Australia)
PBPA	Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority (Australia)
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (Australia)
PCOM	Patient Centered Outcomes Measures
PCORI	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (USA)
PCTs	Primary Care Trusts
PFN	<i>Prontuario Farmaceutico Nazionale</i> (National Pharmaceutical Handbook – Italy)
PFS	Progression Free Survival
PHARMAC	Pharmaceutical Management Agency (New Zealand)
PHOs	Primary Health Organizations (New Zealand)
PhRMA	Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
PH-T	<i>Prontuario Ospedale Territorio</i> (Italy)
PHUs	Public Health Units (New Zealand)
PIP	Public Innovative Purchasing
PMCPA	Prescription Medicines Code of Practice Authority (UK)
PMDA	Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency (Japan)
PMPRB	Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (Canada)
PPI	Patient and Public Involvement
PPRS	Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (UK)
PRO	Patient Reported Outcomes
PRP	Patients as Research Partners
PSN	<i>Piano Sanitario Nazionale</i> (national health plan – Italy)
PSR	<i>Piano Sanitario Regionale</i> (regional health plan – Italy)
PTAC	Pharmacology and Therapeutics Advisory Committee (New Zealand)
PVH	<i>Preço de Venda Hospitalar</i> (Hospital Selling Price – Portugal)
QALY	Quality Adjusted Life Year
RCT	Randomised Clinical Trials
REA	Relative Effectiveness Assessment
RHCA	Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (Australia)
RMAT	Regenerative Medicine Advanced Therapy
RNR	<i>Ricetta Non Ripetibile</i> (non-renewable prescription – Italy)
RNRL	non-renewable w/ limitation prescription (Italy)
RoR	Rule of Rescue
RR	<i>Ricetta Ripetibile</i> (renewable prescription – Italy)
RRL	renewable w/ limitation prescription (Italy)
SAMS	<i>Serviços de Assistência Médico Social</i> (Medic and Social Assistance Services – Portugal)
SBU	<i>Statens beredning för medicinsk utvärdering</i> (Council on Technology Assessment in Healthcare – The Netherlands)
sCTMP	somatic Cell Therapy Medicinal Products

SEFH	Spanish Society of Hospitals Pharmacist
SGB	<i>Sozialgesetzbuch</i> (German social legal code)
SGB-V	German Social Code, Book Five
SGCMPS	<i>Subdirección General de Calidad de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios</i> (Spain)
SHI	Statutory Health Insurance
SIATS	<i>Sistema de Informação para a Avaliação das Tecnologias de Saúde</i> (Information System for HTA – Portugal)
SiNATS	<i>Sistema Nacional de Avaliação de Tecnologias de Saúde</i> (National System for Health Technologies Assessment – Portugal)
SMC	Scottish Medicines Consortium
SMR	<i>Service Médical Rendu</i> (France)
SNS	<i>Serviço Nacional de Saúde</i> (National Health Service – Portugal)
SOP	<i>Senza Obbligo di Prescrizione</i> (without prescription – Italy)
SPC	Summary of Product Characteristics
SSN	<i>Servizio Sanitario Nazionale</i> (National Health System – Italy)
T2A	<i>Tarifcation à l'Activité</i> (France)
TC	Transparency Commission (France)
TEP	Tissue Engineered Products
TGA	Therapeutic Goods Act
TGA	Therapeutic Goods Administration
TGP	Therapeutic Group Premium Policy
TLV	<i>Tandvårds-och läkemedelsförmånsverket</i> (Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency –Sweden)
TPC	triple copy prescription (Italy)
U.S.	United States of America
UAF	<i>Unidades de Atención Farmacéutica</i> (pharmaceutical care units – Spain)
UNCAM	<i>Union Nationale des Caisses d'Assurance Maladie</i> (National Union of Health Insurance Funds)
USPL	used by specialist limitation (Italy)
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
VAT	Value-Added Tax
VFA	<i>Verband forschender Arzneimittel-Hersteller</i> (Association of Research-based Pharmaceutical Companies – Germany)
VHI	Voluntary private Health Insurance (France)
VWS	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (The Netherlands)
WGP	<i>Wet Geneesmiddelenprijzen</i> (Medicine Prices Act – The Netherlands)
Wlz	<i>Wet Langdurige Zorg</i> (Long-Term Care Act – The Netherlands)
WTO	World Trade Organization
ZIN	<i>Zorginstituut Nederland</i> (National Health Care Institute –The Netherlands)
ZVW	<i>Zorgverzekeringswet</i> (Health Insurance Act – The Netherlands)