

# Acronyms

This page provides explanations of many abbreviations (acronyms) used throughout the site. It is organized in alphabetical order.

AHIC	American Health Information Community
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
BSV	Biosurveillance
CC	Chronic Care
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CDISC	Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium
CE	Consumer Empowerment
CHI	Consolidated Health Informatics
CCHIT	Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology
CDS	Clinical Decision Support
CHC	Community Health Centers
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CPRS	Computerized Patient Record System
DoD	Department of Defense
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EHRVA	Electronic Health Record Vendors Association

FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FHA	Federal Health Architecture
FORE	Foundation of Research and Education (part of AHMA; works for ONC)
HHS	Department of Health & Human Services
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIMSS	Healthcare Information Management Systems Society
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HISB	Healthcare Informatics Standards Board
HISPC	Health Information Security and Privacy
HIT	Health Information Technology
HITPC	Health Information Technology Policy Council
HITSP	Health Information Technology Standards Panel
HL7	Health Level 7
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
IFMC	Iowa Foundation for Medical Informatics
IHS	Indian Health Service
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IT	Information Technology
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
MUA	Medically Underserved Areas
NAHIT	National Alliance for Health Information Technology; "The Alliance"

NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NGA	National Governors Association
NHIN	Nationwide Health Information Network
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NLM	National Library of Medicine
OHITA	Office of Health Information Technology Adoption
OIS	Office of Interoperability & Standards
OMB	Office of Management & Budget
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator (preferred abbreviation for ONCHIT)
ONCHIT	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
OPC	Office of Programs & Coordination
OPR	Office of Policy & Research
PARTner	The name for IFMC's system for collecting data from everyone who reports data in to OCSQ
PHC	Personalized Health Care
PHCCC	Population Health & Clinical Care Connections
PHR	Personal Health Record
PITAC	President's Information Technology Advisory Committee
PQRI	Physician Quality Reporting Initiative
PVRP	Physician Voluntary Reporting Program
QUAL	Quality

RHIO	Regional Health Information Network
RPMS	Resource and Patient Management System
RTF	Review Task Force
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SNOMED	Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine
VHA	Veterans Health Administration
VistA	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture
VOE	Vista Office EHR
WG	Work Group