

| Acronym  | What it stands for   |
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| AAAC     | American Academy of Ambulatory Care                                    |
| AAHHC    | Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care                   |
| AACOM    | American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine               |
| AAFP     | American Academy of Family Physicians                                  |
| AAFP/F   | American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation                       |
| AAHP     | American Association of Health Plans                                   |
| AAIP     | Association of American Indian Physicians                              |
| AAMC     | Association of American Medical Colleges                               |
| AAN      | American Academy of Neurology  |
| AAOS     | American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons                                |
| AAP      | American Academy of Pediatrics   |
| AAPA     | American Academy of Physician Assistants                               |
| AAPP     | American Academy of Physician and Patient                              |
| AAPS     | American Association of Physician Specialists                          |
| AARP     | American Association of Retired Persons                                |
| ABEM     | American Board of Emergency Medicine                                   |
| ABFM     | American Board of Family Medicine                                      |
| ABIM     | American Board of Internal Medicine                                    |
| ABMS     | American Board of Medical Specialties                                  |
| ABP      | American Board of Pediatrics   |
| ABSME    | Association of Behavioral Science/Medical Education                    |
| ACC      | American College of Cardiology   |
| ACCME    | Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education                 |
| ACE      | Alliance of Clinical Educators   |
| ACE      | American Council on Exercise   |
| ACEP     | American College of Emergency Physicians                               |
| ACF      | Annual Clinical Focus  |
| ACGME    | Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education                   |
| ACIP     | Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices                           |
| ACLI     | American Council of Life Insurance                                     |
| ACME     | Alliance for Continuing Medical Education                              |
| ACNM     | American College of Nurse Midwives                                     |
| ACOFF    | American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians                      |
| ACOG     | American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists                    |
| ACP-ASIM | American College of Physicians – American Society of Internal Medicine |
| ACPE     | American College of Physician Executives                               |
| ACPM     | American College of Preventive Medicine                                |
| ACS      | American College of Surgeons   |
| ACS      | American Cancer Society  |
| ACTPCMD  | Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry  |
| ACU      | Association of Clinicians for the Underserved                          |
| ADA      | American Diabetes Association  |
| ADAMHA   | Alcohol, Drug Abuse & Mental Health Administration                     |
| ADFM     | Association of Departments of Family Medicine                          |
| AFMAA    | Academic Family Medicine Advocacy Alliance (formerly OAFM)             |

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| AFMO           | Academic Family Medicine Organizations  |
| AFMRD          | Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  |
| AFP            | American Family Physician   |
| AFPA (APFMA)   | Association of Family Medicine Administrators   |
| AFPRN          | Association of Family Practice Residency Nurses now –<br>Family Medicine Nurses Association |
| AGS            | American Geriatrics Society   |
| AHA            | American Hospital Association   |
| AHCRP          | Agency for Health Care Policy and Research  |
| AHEC           | Area Health Education Center  |
| AHME           | Association for Hospital Medical Education  |
| AHQA           | American Health Quality Association   |
| AHRO           | Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  |
| AIDS           | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome   |
| ALA            | American Lung Association   |
| ALF            | Annual Leadership Forum   |
| ALSO           | Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics   |
| AMA            | American Medical Association  |
| AMA CEJA       | Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (of AMA)  |
| AMAPC          | AMA Political Action Committee  |
| AMA PAG        | AMA Policy Advisory Group   |
| AMDA           | American Medical Directors Association  |
| AMGA           | American Medical Group Association  |
| AMIA           | American Medical Informatics Association  |
| AMP            | Association of Medical Publications   |
| AMPRA          | American Medical Peer Review Association  |
| AMSA           | American Medical Student Association  |
| AMWA           | American Medical Women's Association  |
| ANA            | American Nurses' Association  |
| AOA            | American Osteopathic Association  |
| AOA            | <b>Alpha Omega Alpha (Honor Society)</b>  |
| AOBFP          | American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians   |
| APA            | Ambulatory Pediatrics Association or American Pharmaceutical Association                    |
| APAP           | Association of Physician's Assistant Programs   |
| APDIM          | Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine                                       |
| APGO           | Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics                                      |
| ARC-PA         | Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistants                   |
| ASAE           | American Society of Association Executives  |
| ASAM           | American Society of Addiction Medicine  |
| ASCO           | American Society of Clinical Oncology   |
| ASGE           | American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  |
| ASIM           | American Society of Internal Medicine   |
| ASPN           | American Sentinel Practice Network  |
| ATSDR          | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  |
| ATW            | AAFP This Week  |
| ATPM           | Assn of Teachers of Preventive Medicine   |

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| ATSDR          | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry                      |
| AZT            | Zidovudine  |
| BBA            | Balanced Budget Act of 1997   |
| BBRA           | Balanced Budget Refinement Act  |
| BHCDA          | Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance                         |
| BHPPr          | Bureau of Health Professions  |
| BMAD           | (part) B Medicare Annual Data   |
| BOD            | Board of Directors  |
| BPHC           | Bureau of Primary Health Care   |
| CAAHEP         | Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs       |
| CACMS          | Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools                |
| CAHPS          | Consumer Assessment of Health Plans                                   |
| CAIR           | Canadian Association of Interns and Residents                         |
| CAP            | College of American Pathologists                                      |
| CAQ            | Certificate of Added Qualification                                    |
| CAS            | Council of Academic Societies (AAMC)                                  |
| CCM            | Chronic Care Model  |
| CCPR           | Commission on Clinical Policies & Research                            |
| CDC            | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention                            |
| CDF            | Children's Defense Fund   |
| CEJA           | Council on Ethical & Judicial Affairs (AMA)                           |
| CF             | Conversion Factor   |
| CFPC           | College of Family Physicians of Canada                                |
| CG             | Curriculum Guidelines   |
| CHIP           | Children's Health Insurance Program                                   |
| CF             | Conversion Factor   |
| CFPC           | College of Family Physicians of Canada                                |
| CHAMPUS        | Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services         |
| CHER           | Center for Health Economics Research                                  |
| CLGA           | Commission on Legislation and Governmental Affairs                    |
| CLIA           | Clinical laboratory Improvement Amendments                            |
| CME            | Continuing Medical Education  |
| CMER           | Continuing Medical Education Records                                  |
| CMS            | Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Used to be HCFA)           |
| CMSS           | Council of Medical Specialty Societies                                |
| COCME          | Commission on Continuing Medical Education                            |
| COD            | Congress of Delegates   |
| COE            | Commission on Education (AAFP)  |
| COGME          | Council on Graduate Medical Education                                 |
| COLA           | Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation                         |
| CORR           | Computerized Office Record Review                                     |
| COSSMHO        | National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organization |
| CPRI           | Computer-based Patient Record Institute                               |
| CPT            | Current Procedural Terminology  |
| CREOG          | Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology            |
| CRSA           | Committee on Resident and Student Affairs (AAFP)                      |
| CRSI           | Commission of Resident and Student Issues                             |
| <b>CSA</b>     | <b>Clinical Skills Assessment</b>                                     |

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| CSAE           | Clinical Skills Assessment Examination                         |
| CSAP           | Center for Substance Abuse Prevention                          |
| CSC            | Committee on Special Constituencies                            |
| CSE            | Clinical Skills Examination                                    |
| CTFK           | Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids                                 |
| CV             | Curriculum Vitae   |
| CWF            | Common Working File  |
| DAP            | Departmental Assistance Program                                |
| DEA            | Drug Enforcement Administration                                |
| DHHS           | Department of Health and Human Service                         |
| DMDA           | (National) Depressive and Manic Depressive Association         |
| DME            | Durable Medical Equipment                                      |
| DNH            | Do Not Hospitalize   |
| DNR            | Do Not Resuscitate   |
| DOC            | Doctors Ought to Care  |
| DoD            | Department of Defense  |
| DoE            | Department of Energy   |
| DoI            | Department of Interior   |
| DOMD           | Division of Medicine and Dentistry                             |
| DRG            | Diagnosis Related Groups                                       |
| E/M            | Evaluation and Management (Services)                           |
| ECFMG          | Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates           |
| EHR            | Electronic Health Record                                       |
| EMR            | Electronic Medical Record                                      |
| ENACT          | Effective National Action to Control Tobacco                   |
| EPA            | Environmental Protection Agency                                |
| EPO            | Exclusive Provider Organization                                |
| ERAS           | Electronic Residency Application Service                       |
| ERISA          | Employee Retirement Income Security Act                        |
| EXCEL          | External Comparative Evaluation for Laboratories               |
| FDA            | Food and Drug Administration                                   |
| FFI            | Faculty Futures Initiative                                     |
| FFM            | Future of Family Medicine Project (formerly FoFM)              |
| FHFA           | Family Health Foundation of America (see name change - AAFP/F) |
| FHM            | Family Health Month  |
| FMC            | Family Medicine Centers  |
| FMCR           | Family Medicine Curriculum Resource Project                    |
| FMDRL          | Family Medicine Digital Resource Library                       |
| FMIG           | Family Medicine Interest Group                                 |
| FMLA           | Family and Medical Leave Act                                   |
| FMTN           | Family Medicine Television Network                             |
| FOM            | Fundamentals of Management                                     |
| FOPE II        | Future of Pediatric Education II                               |
| FP-IQ          | Family Physicians - Improving Quality -                        |
| FPBRN          | The Federation of Practice-Based Research Networks             |
| FPC            | Family Practice Center   |
| FPIH           | Family Practice in Healthcare Organizations                    |
| FPM            | Family Practice Management                                     |

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| FSA     | Family Support Administration   |
| FSMB    | Federation of State Medical Boards  |
| FTC     | Federal Trade Commission  |
| GAF     | Geographic Adjustment Factor  |
| GAO     | U. S. General Accounting Office   |
| GDP     | Gross Domestic Product  |
| GLBT    | Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender   |
| GLMA    | Gay Lesbian Medical Association   |
| GME     | Graduate Medical Education  |
| GMENAC  | Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Council  |
| GPC     | Genetics in Primary Care Project  |
| GPCI    | Geographic Practice Cost Index  |
| GPO     | Government Printing Office  |
| GROW    | Genetics Resources on the Web (NCHPEG)  |
| GSA     | General Services Administration   |
| HAP     | Hospital Accreditation Program  |
| HCPCS   | Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System   |
| HEDIS   | Healthplan Employer Data and Information Set  |
| HEP     | Health Education Program  |
| HHS     | Health and Human Services, US Dept of   |
| HIAA    | Health Insurance Association of America   |
| HIPAA   | <b>Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act</b>  |
| HIV     | Human Immunodeficiency Virus  |
| HMCC    | Healthcare Marketing & Communications Council, Inc. (formerly the Pharmaceutical Advertising Council)   |
| HMO     | Health Maintenance Organization   |
| HMSS    | Hospital Medical Staff Section  |
| HPNEC   | Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition  |
| HPSA    | Health Professions Shortage Area  |
| HRSA    | Health Resources and Services Administration  |
| HSQB    | Health Standards & Quality Bureau   |
| HSSA    | Home Study Self-Assessment  |
| HUD     | Department of Housing & Urban Development   |
| ICD-9   | International Classification of Disease (9 <sup>th</sup> Edition)   |
| ICFM    | International Center for Family Medicine  |
| ICIC    | Improving Chronic Illness Care  |
| IFPDAP  | International Family Practice Development Assistance Program  |
| IGC     | Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum Project   |
| IGSI    | Inter-Organizational Group on Student Interest  |
| IHI     | Institute for Health Improvement  |
| IHS     | Friends of Indian Health Service<br>The Academy joined the Friends of HIS, a lobbying coalition of individuals and 35 health care groups, in January 2000. The 1999 AAFP Congress of Delegates voted for the Academy to join the coalition, formed in 1997 to support funding for the Indian Health Service |
| IME     | Indirect Medical Education  |
| IMG     | International Medical Graduate  |
| IMN     | Interactive Medical Networks  |
| IOM     | Institute of Medicine   |

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| IPA            | Independent Practice Association   |
| IQI            | Institute for Quality Improvement  |
| JAMA           | Journal of the American Medical Association                                |
| JCAHO          | Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations              |
| JGAC           | Joint AAFP/F – AAFP Grant Awards Council                                   |
| JGAP           | Joint AAFP/F – AAFP Grant Awards Program                                   |
| JRC            | Joint Review Committee   |
| JRC-AT         | Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training        |
| KSA            | Knowledge, Skills & Attitudes (per PAP)                                    |
| LCME           | Liaison Committee on Medical Education                                     |
| LINNAEUS       | Learning In an InterNational Network About Errors and Understanding Safety |
| LOA            | Letter of Agreement  |
| LOI            | Letter of Intent   |
| LOS            | Letter of Support  |
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| MAAC-LC        | Maximum Allowed Actual Charge or Limiting Charge                           |
| MAC            | Monitored Anesthesia Care  |
| MASAE          | Mid-America Society of Association Executives                              |
| MCAT           | Medical College Administration Test  |
| MCC            | Medical Council of Canada  |
| MCCQE          | Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination                           |
| MCN            | Migrant Clinicians Network   |
| MCO            | Managed Care Organization  |
| MCP            | Monthly Capitation Payment   |
| MedPAC         | Medicare Payment Advisory Commission                                       |
| MEI            | Medicare Economic Index  |
| MFS            | Medicare Fee Schedule  |
| MGMA           | Medical Group Management Association                                       |
| MHMA           | Midwest Healthcare Marketing Association                                   |
| MLE            | Medical Laboratory Evaluation  |
| MLP            | Mid Level Provider   |
| MMP            | Methodical Management Project  |
| MMR            | Measles, Mumps, Rubella, CPT, OPV, etc.                                    |
| MOC            | Maintenance of Certification   |
| MOM            | MOM Care, Management of Maternity Care                                     |
| MPH            | Masters in Public Health   |
| MSS            | Medical Student Section (AMA)  |
| MVPS           | Medicare Volume Performance Standard (Superseded by SGR (see page 6)       |
| NAIC           | National Association of Insurance Commissioners                            |
| NAMCP          | National Association of Managed Care Physicians                            |
| NAPCRG         | North American Primary Care Research Group                                 |
| NASN           | National Association of School Nurses                                      |
| NAPCI          | National Alliance for Primary Care Informatics                             |
| NAWHME         | National Academy of Women's Health Medical Education                       |
| NBCAM          | National Breast Cancer Awareness Month                                     |
| NBCFM          | National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare                   |

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| NBME           | National Board of Medical Examiners                                   |
| NCCLS          | National Committee on Clinical Laboratory Standards                   |
| NCCPA          | National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants          |
| NCFMR          | National Conference of Family Medicine Residents                      |
| NCHPEG         | National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics      |
| NCHS           | National Center for Health Statistics                                 |
| NCI            | National Cancer Institute   |
| NCMHD          | National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities             |
| NCOA           | National Council on the Aging   |
| NCPIE          | National Council for Patient Information and Education                |
| NCQA           | National Committee for Quality Assurance                              |
| NCSC           | National Conference of Special Constituencies                         |
| NCSL           | National Council for State Legislatures                               |
| NCSM           | National Congress of Student Members                                  |
| NCWMNP         | National Conference on Women, Minority, and New Physicians (now NCSC) |
| NDMDA          | National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association                  |
| NFME           | National Fund for Medical Education                                   |
| NHC            | National Health Council   |
| NHGRI          | National Human Genome Research Institute                              |
| NHLBI          | National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute                             |
| NHMA           | National Hispanic Medical Association                                 |
| NHSC           | National Health Service Corps   |
| NICHQ          | National Initiative for Children's Health Care Quality                |
| NIDDM          | Noninsulin-dependent Diabetes   |
| NIAAA          | National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism                    |
| NIH            | National Institutes of Health (12 institutes)                         |
| NIMH           | National Institute of Mental Health                                   |
| NIOSH          | National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health                    |
| NIPDD          | National Institute for Program Director Development                   |
| NMA            | National Medical Association  |
| NP             | Nurse Practitioner  |
| NPDB           | National Practitioner Data Bank                                       |
| NPNEC          | Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition                    |
| NPDB           | National Practitioner Data Bank                                       |
| NPSF           | National Patient Safety Foundation                                    |
| NQF            | National Quality Forum  |
| NRHA           | National Rural Health Association                                     |
| NRMP           | National Resident Matching Program                                    |
| NRSA           | National Research Service Award                                       |
| NSI            | Nutrition Screening Initiative  |
| NTP            | National Toxicology Program   |
| OAFM           | Organization of Academic Family Medicine                              |
| OASH           | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health                          |
| OHDS           | Office of Human Development Services                                  |
| OIG            | Office of Inspector General   |
| OMB            | Office of Management and Budget                                       |

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| OMH            | Office of Minority Health   |
| OPDA           | Organization of Program Directors Association   |
| ORMC           | Organization of Regional Medical Campuses Deans   |
| ORR            | Organization of Resident Representatives of the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) |
| OS             | Office of the Secretary   |
| OSCE           | <b>Observed Structured Clinical Examination</b>   |
| OSHA           | <b>Occupational Safety and Health Administration</b>  |
| OSR            | Organization of Student Representatives (AAMC)  |
| OWH            | Office of Women's Health  |
| PA             | Physician Assistant   |
| PAC            | Physician Assistant Certified   |
| PAHO           | Pan American Health Organization  |
| PBRN           | Practice-Based Research Network   |
| PCFS           | Primary Care Fellowship Society   |
| PCMA           | Professional Convention Management Association  |
| PCOC           | Primary Care Organizations Consortium   |
| PCPA           | Physician Clinical Performance Assessment (CMSS?)   |
| PCPFS          | President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports  |
| PDW            | Program Directors Workshop  |
| PEP            | Preceptor Education Project   |
| PhRMA          | Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America  |
| PHS            | Public Health Service   |
| PIC            | Program Impact Consultation (RAP)   |
| PIMS           | Physicians in Management Series (ACPE)  |
| PMA            | Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association  |
| POL            | Physician Office Laboratory   |
| PPAC           | Practicing Physicians' Advisory Council (to CMS)  |
| PPE            | Practicing Physician Education  |
| PPA            | Preferred Provider Organization   |
| PPIP           | Put Prevention Into Practice  |
| PPRC           | Physician Payment Review Commission   |
| PRICE          | Physicians for Research in Cost-Effectiveness   |
| PPO            | Preferred Provider Organization   |
| PPP            | Practice Parameter Partnership  |
| PPRC           | Physician Payment Review Commission   |
| PPS            | Prospective Payment System  |
| PRICE          | Physicians for Research in Cost-Effectiveness   |
| PRO            | Peer Review Organization  |
| ProPAC         | Prospective Payment Assessment Commission   |
| PRSA           | Public Relations Society of America   |
| PSI            | Practice Support Initiative   |
| PSNs           | Physician Provider Sponsored Networks   |
| PT             | Proficiency Testing   |
| PTAC           | Professional Technical Advisory Committees (of JCAHO)   |
| QI             | Quality Improvement   |
| RAP            | Residency Assistance Program  |
| RASL           | Resident and Student Listserv   |

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| RBPE           | Resource-Based Practice Expenses   |
| RBRVS          | Resource Based Relative Value Scale  |
| RFP            | Request for Proposal   |
| RPS            | Resident Physicians Section (AMA)  |
| RRC            | Residency Review Committee   |
| RRC-FP         | Residency Review Committee for Family Practice   |
| RRP            | Resident Repayment Program   |
| RS             | Research Stimulation Grants  |
| RSTW           | Research Skills Training Workshop  |
| RUC            | American Medical Association/Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee                                 |
| RVC            | Relative Review Committee  |
| RVU            | <b>Relative Value Unit</b>   |
| RWJF           | Robert Wood Johnson Foundation   |
| SACME          | Society of Academic Continuing Medical Education   |
| SAGE           | Special Advisory Group Extraordinaire<br>(formed in 2000 at direction of AMA – Adv Group to their Board of Trustees) |
| SAM            | Society of Adolescent Medicine   |
| SAMHSA         | Substance Abuse & Mental Health Administration   |
| SBM            | Society for Behavioral Medicine  |
| SGCR           | Subcommittee on Graduate Curriculum (COE)  |
| SGIM           | Society for General Internal Medicine  |
| SGR            | Sustainable Growth Rate  |
| SGIM           | Society of General Internal Medicine   |
| SHAG           | State Health Affairs Group   |
| SIFP           | Subcommittee on International Family Practice (COE)  |
| SNAP           | Society of National Association Publications   |
| SNF            | Skilled Nursing Facility   |
| SNMA           | Student National Medical Association   |
| SOC            | State Officers' Conference   |
| SOMA           | Student Osteopathic Medical Association  |
| SPCPF          | Society of Primary Care Policy Fellows   |
| SPT            | Standardized Patient Test  |
| SSI            | Supplemental Security Income   |
| STFM           | Society of Teachers of Family Medicine   |
| TFSI           | Task Force on Student Interest      sunsetted  |
| UCDS           | Uniform Clinical Data Set  |
| UI             | Urban Institute  |
| UME-21         | Undergraduate Medical Education for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century   |
| USDA           | Department of Agriculture  |
| USMLE          | U.S. Medical Licensing Examination   |
| USPSTF         | United States Preventive Services Task Force   |
| VFC            | Vaccines for Children  |
| VA             | Department of Veterans' Affairs  |
| VFC            | Vaccines for Children  |
| WHO            | World Health Organization  |
| WONCA          | World Organization of National Colleges, Academies, and Academic   |

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|                | Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians (World Organization of Family Doctors) |
| YPS            | Young Physician Section (AMA)  |

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