

Acronyms and abbreviations

AGENAS	<i>Agenzia Nazionale per i Servizi Sanitari Regionali</i> (National Agency for Regional Health Services)
AIFA	<i>Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco</i> (Italian Medicines Agency)
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
AO	<i>Azienda Ospedaliera</i> (Hospital trust)
ASL	<i>Azienda Sanitaria Locale</i> (Local Health Authority)
CENSIS	<i>Centro Studi Investimenti Sociali</i> (Social Study and Research Institute)
CME	Continuing medical education
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPD	Continuing professional development
EudraVigilance	European network for pharmacovigilance
FFS	Fee for service
GP	General practitioner
HAI	Healthcare-associated infections
IHD	Ischemic heart disease
IRCCS	<i>Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico</i> (Scientific Institute for Research and Care)
ISS	<i>Istituto Superiore di Sanità</i> (Italian National Institute of Health)
LEA	<i>Livelli essenziali di assistenza</i> (Essential levels of care)
NHP	National Health Plan
NSIS	<i>Nuovo Sistema Informativo Sanitario</i> (New Health Information System)

PCP	Primary care physician
PDTA	<i>Percorso Diagnostico Terapeutico Assistenziale</i> (Path Diagnostic Therapeutic Care)
PNE	<i>Programma Nazionale Esiti</i> (National Outcomes Programme)
PNLG	<i>Piano Nazionale Linee Guida</i> (National Programme on Clinical Guidelines)
PROQUAL	<i>Programma nazionale per la promozione permanente della qualità nel servizio sanitario</i> (National Programme for the Permanent Promotion of Quality in the National Health Service)
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
RNF	<i>Rete Nazionale di Farmacovigilanza</i> (National Network of Pharmacovigilance)
R&AP	Regions and autonomous provinces (<i>Regioni e Province Autonome</i>)
SDO	<i>Scheda di Dimissione Ospedaliera</i> (Hospital Discharge Abstract)
SIMG	<i>Società Italiana di Medicina Generale</i> (Italian Society of General Medicine and Primary Care)
SiVeAS	<i>Sistema nazionale di Verifica e controllo sull'Assistenza Sanitaria</i> (National System for the Monitoring and Control of Public Health Care)
SNLG	<i>Sistema Nazionale per le Linee Guida</i> (National Guidelines System)
SSN	<i>Servizio Sanitario Nazionale</i> (Italian National Health Service)
TRAC	<i>Tavolo di lavoro per lo sviluppo e l'applicazione del sistema di Accreditamento nazionale</i> (Technical Group for Accreditation)
TS	<i>Tessera Sanitaria</i> (National Health Card)
UID	Unique Identification Number



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