

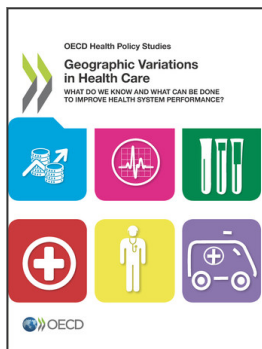
## Acronyms and abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACHI	Australian Classification of Health Interventions
ACSC	Ambulatory care sensitive conditions (Canada)
AGENAS	National Agency for Regional Health Services (Italy)
AHS	Area Health Service (Australia)
ALOS	Average length of stay
AO	Hospital trusts (Italy)
AOS	Mandatory basic health insurance (Switzerland)
AQUA	<i>Institut für angewandte Qualitätsförderung und Forschung im Gesundheitswesen GmbH</i> (Institute for Applied Quality Improvement and Research in Health Care GmbH, Germany)
AMIS Plus	National registry of myocardial infarctions (Switzerland)
ARS	Regional Health Agencies (France)
ASGC-RA	Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area
ASL	Local Health Authority (Italy)
ASSM	Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences
ATIH	Technical Agency on Hospital Information (France)
BPT	Best Practice Tariff
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics (Israel)
CCAM	Classification of procedures (France)
CCI	Canadian Classification of Health Interventions
CDS	Swiss Conference of Cantonal Health Directors
CfV	Commissioning for Value
CHOP	<i>Classification Suisse des Interventions Chirurgicales</i> (Swiss Classification of Operations, Switzerland)
CHSPR	Centre for Health Services & Policy Research (Canada)
CIHI	Canadian Institute for Health Information
CNAMTS	Statutory Health Insurance Fund
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group (England)
CQC	Care Quality Commission (England)

CT	Computed tomography
CV	Coefficient of variation
C-section	Caesarean section
Destatis	Federal Statistical Office (Germany)
DRG	Diagnosis related group
ECHO	European Collaboration for Healthcare Optimization
EFFECT	Enhanced Feedback for Effective Cardiac Treatment (Canada)
ERP	Estimated Resident Population (Australia)
FFS	Fee for service
FHF	French Public Hospital Association
FinOHTA	Finnish Office for Health Technology Assessment
FMH	Federation of Swiss Physicians
FSO	Federal Statistical Office (Switzerland)
FTE	Full-time equivalent
G-BA	Federal Joint Committee (Germany)
GP	General practitioner
HAS	<i>Haute Autorité de Santé</i> (National Authority for Health, France)
HCQI	OECD Health Care Quality Indicators
HIP	Health Investment Pack (England)
HMDB	Hospital Morbidity Database (Canada)
HRR	Hospital referral region (United States)
HTA	Health Technology Assessment (Finland)
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification
ICES	Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences (Canada)
INAMI	National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (Belgium)
Insee	National Statistical Institute (France)
IQWiG	Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (Germany)
IRDES	<i>Institut de Recherche et Documentation en Économie de la Santé</i> (France)
ISHMT	International Shortlist of Hospital Morbidity Tabulation
IUD	Intrauterine device
LA	Local Authorities
LEA	Essential levels of care (Italy)
LHN	Local Hospital Networks (Australia)
MOH	Ministry of Health
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MSAH	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
mSv	Millisieverts

NACRS	National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (Canada)
NHDD	National Hospital Discharges Database (Israel)
NHI	National health insurance
NHMD	National Hospital Morbidity Database (Australia)
NHPA	National Health Performance Authority (Australia)
NHS	National Health Service (England)
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (England)
NKCHR	National Cardiac Registry (Czech Republic)
NMD	National Mortality Database (Australia)
NRHOSP	National Register of Hospitalised Patients (Czech Republic)
NRKN	National Register of Joint Replacements (Czech Republic)
NRROD	National Register of Mothers at Childbirth (Czech Republic)
NSW	New South Wales (Australia)
NUTS	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics
OKS	Oxford Knee Score
ONS	Office of National Statistics (England)
OOP	Out of pocket
OPCS	Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (England)
P4P	Pay for performance
PbR	Payment by Results (England)
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention
PCT	Primary Care Trusts (England)
PHI	Private health insurance
PHN	Primary Health Networks (Australia)
PMSI MCO	<i>Programme de Médicalisation des Systèmes d'Informations. Médecine, Chirurgie, Obstétrique</i> (France)
PROM	Patient Reported Outcome Measure
PSA	Prostate-specific antigen
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
RCT	Randomised clinical trial
SCV	Systematic component of variation
SHA	Strategic Health Authorities (England)
SHI	Statutory health insurance
SHI	Social Health Insurance (Czech Republic)
SII	Social Insurance Institution (Finland)
SIRIS	Swiss Registry of Implants
SiVeAS	Italian health surveillance
SLA	Statistical Local Area (Australia)

SROS	Strategic Regional Health Plan (France)
SSN	National Health Service (Italy)
STAKES	National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (Finland)
SÚKL	State Institute for Drug Control (Czech Republic)
T2A	Activity-based payment system (France)
THL	National Institute for Health and Welfare (Finland)
URS	Urgency rating score



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