

Acronyms and abbreviations

AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
ASIP santé	Agency responsible for the electronic health record system, France
ATC	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System
BIRO	Best Information for Regional Outcomes
CIHI	Canadian Institute for Health Information
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, United States
CMV	Controlled medical vocabulary
CNIL	Commission nationale de l'informatique et des libertés (data protection authority), France
CSIOZ	National Centre for Health Information Systems, Poland
CT	Computed tomography
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine
DPA	Data protection authority
DRC	Dictionary of consultation results, France
EMR	Electronic medical record
EPR	Electronic patient record
EHR	Electronic health record
EU	European Union
EUBIROD	European Best Information through Regional Outcomes in Diabetes
EU epSOS	European eHealth Project
EuroCARE	European study of cancer survival
EuroHOPE	European Health Care Outcomes, Performance and Efficiency Project
Euro-PERISTAT	Perinatal health information in Europe
FSO	Federal Statistical Office, Switzerland
GP	General practitioner
HCPCS	Health Care Common Procedure Coding System, United States
HEAT	Health improvement, efficiency, access and treatment performance targets, United Kingdom
HES	Hospital Episode Statistics, United Kingdom
HIN	Health insurance number
HIRA	Health Insurance Review Agency, Korea
HL7	Health Level Seven international interoperability standards
HL7 CDA R2	Health Level Seven Clinical Document Architecture, Release 2
HMO	Health care maintenance organisation
ICD 9/10	International Classification of Diseases ninth revision/tenth revision
ICD 9 CM	International Classification of Diseases Ninth Revision Clinical Modification

ICD 10 PCS	International Classification of Diseases Tenth Revision Procedure Codes
ICES	Institute for Clinical and Evaluative Sciences, University of Toronto, Canada
ICF	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
ICT	Information and communications technology
IMA-AIM	Intermutualist Agency, Belgium
INAMI-RIZIV	National Institute for Health and Disease Insurance, Belgium
IRB	Internal review board
IT	Information technology
KOSTOM	Korean Standard Terminology of Medicine
LOINC	Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics, United States
NCSP	Nordic Medico-Statistical Committee Classification of Surgical Procedures
NDI	National Death Index, United States
NHS	National Health Service, United Kingdom
NHS NSS	NHS National Services Scotland, United Kingdom
NIGB	National Information and Governance Board, United Kingdom
NWIS	NHS Wales Informatics Service, United Kingdom
OPCS-4	Office of Population Census and Surveys Classification of Interventions and Procedures, United Kingdom
PDF	Portable document format
PERFECT	Performance, Effectiveness and Cost of Treatment Episodes, Finland
READ	Medical diagnosis coding system used in general practice, United Kingdom
RDC	Research data centre, Canada and United States
REB	Research ethics board
SHIP	Scottish Health Informatics Programme
SHMI	Summary hospital-level mortality indicator
SNC	Swiss National Cohort
SNIR-AM	National Health Insurance Information System, France
SNOMED-CT	Systematised Nomenclature of Medicine – Clinical Terms
SSA	Social Security Administration, United States
SSN	Social security number
SURE	Secure data linkage environment, Australia
THL	National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland
UMLS	Unified Medical Language System
UPI	Unique patient identifying number
WHO	World Health Organization



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