

Acronym	What it stands for
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)

Acronym	What it stands for
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 – 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	Alpha Omega Alpha (Honor Society)
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
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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
CSA	Clinical Skills Assessment

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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	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
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 th 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 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
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	Observed Structured Clinical Examination
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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

Acronym	What it stands for
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	Relative Value Unit
RWJF	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
SACME	Society of Academic Continuing Medical Education
SAGE	Special Advisory Group Extraordinaire (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 st 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

Acronym	What it stands for
	Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians (World Organization of Family Doctors)
YPS	Young Physician Section (AMA)

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