Public Health Acronyms

Public Health Acronyms is a comprehensive resource that features the most commonly used acronyms in public health, offering clear definitions and links to their respective sources. This collection of acronyms aids in the understanding of public health systems, regulations and standards in one place.

A

ABCs	Active Bacterial Core Surveillance
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ACIP	Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAP	AIDS/HIV Drug Assistance Program
ADP	Average Daily Population
ADT	Admission, Discharge, or Transfer (a common electronic data stream in hospitals)
AGA	Accountable Government Act
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIM	Association of Immunization Managers
AIRA	American Immunization Registry Association
AMIA	American Medical Informatics Association
AOA	Administration on Aging
APHA	American Public Health Association
APHL	Association of Public Health Laboratories
AIMS	Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) Informatics Messaging Systems
API	Application Programming Interface
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

B

BH	Behavioral Health

C

C-CDA	Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture
CCD	Continuity of Care Document (CCR + CDA became CCD)
CDA	Clinical Document Architecture
CDC	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
CDS	Clinical Decision Support
CDSi	Clinical Decision Support for Immunization
CEHRT	Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CoAg	Cooperative Agreement
COVID	Coronavirus Disease
CPOE	Computerized Physician Order Entry
CQM	Clinical Quality Measure
CSTE	Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

D

DCH	CDC's COVID-19 Data Clearinghouse (DCH)
DEX	Data Element Exchange
DMI	Data Modernization Initiative
DUA	Data Use Agreement

E

eCR	Electronic Case Reporting
ED	Emergency Department
EHR/EMR	Electronic Health Record/Electronic Medical Record
eICR	Electronic Initial Case Report
ELR	Electronic Lab Reporting
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPR	Emergency Preparedness
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
ETOR	Electronic Test Orders and Results
EUA	Emergency Use Authorization

F

FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHIR	Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources
FPHS	Foundation Public Health Services
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center

H

HAIs	Healthcare-Associated Infections
HAN	Health Alert Network
HHS	US Department of Health and Human Services
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIMSS	Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
HIN	Health Information Network
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIT	Health information Technology
HITAC	Health Information Technology Advisory Committee
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HL7	Health Level Seven International
HLN	HLN Consulting (contractor for the project)
HRSA	Health Resources & Services Administration
HTI	Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability Rules

I

ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICD-10-PCS	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System
IG	Implementation Guide
IHS	Indian Health Service
IIS	Immunization Information System
ISID	International Society for Infectious Diseases
IT	Information Technology

J

JPHIT	Joint Public Health Informatics Taskforce

L

LIMS/LMS	Laboratory Information Management System
LHD	Local Health Department
LOINC	Logical Observations Identifiers, Names, Codes

M

MCH	Maternal and Child Health
MCO	Managed Care Organization
MMIS	Medicaid Management Information System
MMG	Message Mapping Guide
MMWR	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPI	Master Patient Index
MRC	Medical Reserve Corps
MU	Meaningful Use
MVPS	Message Validation, Processing, and Provisioning System

N

NACCHO	National Association of City and County Health Officials
NACHC	National Association of Community Health Centers
NAHDO	National Association of Health Data Organizations
NALBOH	National Association of Local Boards of Health
NAPHSIS	National Association of Public Health Statistics and Information Systems
NBS	National Electronic Disease Surveillance System Base System
NBS	Newborn Screening Process
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NEDSS	National Electronic Disease Surveillance System
NEHA	National Environmental Health Association
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network

NIEM	National Information Exchange Model
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIS	National Immunization Survey
NNDSS	National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System
NNPHI	National Network of Public Health Institutes
NPHL	Network for Public Health Law
NPHPS	National Public Health Performance Standards
NSSP	National Syndromic Surveillance Program
NVSS	National Vital Statistics System

O

OML message	electronic HL7 v2 laboratory test order message
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
OPHDST	CDC's Office Of Public Health Data, Surveillance and Technology
ORU message	electronic HL7 v2 observation result (clinical observation) message

P

PH	Public Health
PHA	Public Health Agency
PHAB	Public Health Accreditation Board
PHF	Public Health Foundation
PHI	Personal Health Information or Protected Health Information
PHII	Public Health Informatics Institute
PHIG	Public Health Infrastructure Grant
PHIN	Public Health Information Network
PHIS	Public Health Information Systems
PI	Promoting Interoperability
PHR	Personal Health Record
PSA	Public Service Announcement

Q

QHIN	Qualified Health Information Networks

R

RFA	Request for Application
RFB	Request for Bid
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHC	Rural Health Clinic
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization
RPMS	Resource and Patient Management System
RWJF	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

S

SDoH	Social Determinants of Health
SNOMED	Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STEVE	State Territorial Electronic Vital Events
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
STLT	State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial

T

TA	Technical Assistance
TB	Tuberculosis
TEFCA	Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement

V

VAMS	Vaccine Administration Management System
VFC	Vaccines for Children
VIS	Vaccine Information Statement
VTrcks	Vaccine Tracking System
VSAC	Value Set Authority Center
VHA	Veterans Health Administration

VistaA	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture
VRDR	Vital Records Death Reporting
VRS	Vital Records System
VXU message	electronic HL7 v2 vaccination

W

WHO	World Health Organization
WIC	Women, Infants and Children Program