

Advocacy Acronyms

AAMC: Association of American Medical Colleges
ABC: Association of Black Cardiologists
ABIM: American Board of Internal Medicine
ABMS: American Board of Medical Specialties
ACA: Affordable Care Act
ACC: American College of Cardiology
ACCPAC: American College of Cardiology Political Action Committee
ACE: Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence; ACC-SCAI lab accreditation program for cardiovascular interventions
ACO: Accountable Care Organization
ACP CSS: American College of Physicians Council of Subspecialty Societies
ACS: Acute Coronary Syndrome
ACS: American College of Surgeons
AF4Q: Aligning Forces for Quality
AHA: American Heart Association
AHA: American Hospital Association
AHIP: America's Health Insurance Plans
AHRQ: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AMA: American Medical Association
ANA: American Nurses Association
ANPRM: Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
APC: Ambulatory Payment Classification
AQA: formerly known as the Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance
ASC: ACC's Advocacy Steering Committee
ASE: American Society of Echocardiography
ASNC: American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
AUC: Appropriate Use Criteria
BBA: Balanced Budget Act of 1997, legislation that created the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula for Medicare physician payment
BPCI: CMMI's Bundled Payment for Care Initiative
BTE: Bridges to Excellence
CAA: Cardiology Advocacy Alliance
CABG: Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAC: ACC's Contractor Advisory Committee, formerly Carrier Advisory Committee
CARDIOSMART: ACC's patient education web site
CARE Registry: NCDR Carotid Artery Revascularization and Endarterectomy Registry (now PVI Registry)
CBO: Congressional Budget Office
CCT/MRI: Cardiac Computed Tomography/Magnetic Resonance Imaging
CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDER: FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
CDISC: Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium, a data standards setting body
CDRH: FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health
CEHRT: Certified Electronic Health Record Technology
CER: Comparative Effectiveness Research
CHIP: Children's Health Insurance Program

CLI: Cardiovascular Leadership Institute
CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CMMI: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
CON: Certificate of Need, the application process for new healthcare facilities and services.--36 states have CON laws
CPT: Current Procedural Terminology
CQC: ACC's Clinical Quality Committee
CQI: Continuous Quality Improvement
CREDO: Coalition to reduce ethnic disparities in cardiovascular outcomes
CVT: Cardiovascular Team section
D2B: Door to Balloon
DLGA: Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association
DOJ: Department of Justice
ECP: ACC's Early Career Physician section
EHR: Electronic health record
EMTALA: Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, antidumping
ESC: European Society of Cardiology
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
FDASIA: FDA Safety and Improvement Act of 2012
FEC: Federal Election Commission
FIT: Fellow in training
FOCUS: ACC clinical decision support tool designed to implement cardiac imaging AUC
FTC: Federal Trade Commission
GME: Graduate medical education
GPRO: Group Practice Reporting Option (PQRS)
GWTG: Get with the Guidelines
H2H: Hospital to Home
HCC: Hierarchical Condition Categories—used in CMS risk adjustment model
HCI³: Health Care Incentives Institute
HFSA: Heart Failure Society of America
HHS: Department of Health and Human Services
HIT: Health Information Technology
HL7: Health Level Seven International, EHR standards-setting body
HOPPS: Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System
HRS: Heart Rhythm Society
IAC: Intersocietal Accreditation Commission
ICD: Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
ICD-10-CM: International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Clinical Modification
ICD-10-PCS: International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition, Procedure Code Sets
IHI: Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IME: Indirect medical education
IOM: Institute of Medicine
IMPACT registry: NCDR IMproving Pediatric and Adult Congenital Treatment Registry
IOASE: In-office ancillary services exception (self-referral)
IPAB: Independent Payment Advisory Board
IPPS: Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System

LBCT: Late breaking clinical trial
LCD: Local Coverage Decision
MAP: NQF's Measures Application Partnership
MDUFA: Medical Device User Fee Act
MACPAC: Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission
MEDCAC: Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee
MedPAC: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MIPPA: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2007
MMA: Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003
MOC: Maintenance of certification
MS-DRG: Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Group
MSSP: Medicare Shared Savings Program
NAAG: National Association of Attorneys General: Membership organization of state attorneys general from both parties
NBGH: National Business Group on Health
NCD: National Coverage Decision
NCDR: National Cardiovascular Data Registry
NCHS: National Center for Health Statistics
NCQA: National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCSL: National Conference of State Legislators: Non-governmental, non-profit membership organization of state legislators
NCVHS: National Committee on Vital Health Statistics, an HHS public advisory committee
NGA: National Governors Association
NHLBI: National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
NIH: National Institutes of Health
NIA: National Institute on Aging
NLGA: National Lieutenant Governors Association: Membership organization of lieutenant governors from both political parties
NPP: NQF's National Priorities Partnership
NPRM: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, also known as proposed rule or regulation
NQF: National Quality Forum
NQRN: PCPI's National Quality Registry Network
OIG: Office of Inspector General, HHS
OMB: Office of Management and Budget
ONC: Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
OPPS (HOPPS): Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System
QRUR: CMS Quality and Resource Use Report
PAC: Political Action Committee
PBGH: Pacific Business Group on Health
PBM: Pharmacy Benefit Manager
PCI: Percutaneous coronary intervention
PCMH: Patient Centered Medical Home
PCPCC: Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative
PCPI: AMA's Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement
PCORI: Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
PDUFA: Prescription Drug User Fee Act

PFS: Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
PHR: personal health record
PINNACLE Registry: NCDR Practice INNOVation And CLinical Excellence Registry—outpatient cardiovascular data registry
PIQ: ACC Partners in Quality Subcommittee of the ASC and CQC
PPACA: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)
PQA: Pharmacy Quality Alliance
PQRI: Physician Quality Reporting Initiative, now PQRS
PQRS: CMS Physician Quality Reporting System
PVI: NCDR Peripheral Vascular Intervention Registry (replaced CARE)
QASC: Quality Alliance Steering Committee
QCDR: PQRS Qualified Clinical Data Registry
QCOR: Quality of Care and Outcomes Research in Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke – AHA-sponsored quality meeting
QIO: Quality Improvement Organization
RA: Recovery Auditor, previously RAC
RAC: Recovery Audit Contractor (now defunct, see above)
RBM: Radiology Benefits Manager
RBRVS: Resource-Based Relative Value Scale
RHIO: Regional Health Information Organization
RUC: AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Scale Update Committee
SCAI: Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Intervention
SCCT: Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
SCMR: Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
SEIU: Service Employees International Union
SGR: Sustainable Growth Rate
SMARTCare: Project of the Florida and Wisconsin ACC chapters given a federal grant to bring clinical decision support, shared decision-making, and performance benchmarking to the point of care
SPECT-MPI: Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography Myocardial Perfusion Imaging
STS: Society of Thoracic Surgeons
TJC: The Joint Commission (formerly JCAHO)
TTE/TEE: Trans-thoracic and transesophageal ECHO
VM/VBM: Value-Based Modifier
WHCC: World Health Care Congress
WHF: World Heart Federation
WIC: ACC's Women in Cardiology section
YSSA: Youth Sports Safety Alliance: State and federal advocacy coalition of youth physical education and sports medicine organizations