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  
**HCI:** 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
NCSC: National Conference of State Legislators: Non-governmental, non-profit membership organization of state legislators
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NCDR: National Cardiovascular Data Registry
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NCPDS: National Chronic Disease Surveillance System
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