Pharmacy Acronyms Cheat Sheet

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A

AACP | American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
ACA | American College of Apothecaries
ACPE | Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act
ADC | Automated Dispensing Cabinet
ADRs | Adverse Drug Reactions
AMCP | Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
AMR | Antimicrobial Resistance
APhA | American Pharmacists Association
API | Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient
ASCP | American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
ASHP | American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
ASRS | Automated Storage and Retrieval Systems

B

BCMA | Barcode Medication Administration System
BMS | Business Management Software
BPS | Board of Pharmacy Specialties
BSCs | Biological Safety Cabinets
BU | Billing Unit

C

C-PEC | Containment Primary Engineering Controls
C-SECs | Containment Secondary Engineering Controls
CACIs | Compounding Aseptic Containment Isolators
CAHs | Critical Access Hospitals
CCD | Continuity of Care Document
CDC | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDS | Clinical Decision Support Software
CDMO | Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization
CEUs | Continuing Education Units
CFID | Compound Formulation Identifiers
CGMPs | Current Good Manufacturing Practices
CMS | Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
COB | Coordination of Benefits
COOP | Pharmacy Cooperative
COW | Cart on Wheels
CPE / CE | Continuing Pharmacy Education
CPOE | Computerized Physician Order Entry System
CRM | Customer Relationship Management
CSA | Controlled Substances Act
CSPs | Compounded Sterile Preparations
CSTDs | Closed-System Drug-Transfer Devices

D

DEA | Drug Enforcement Administration
DIR Fees | Direct and Indirect Remuneration Fees
DME | Durable Medical Equipment
DoP | Director of Pharmacy
DSCSA | Drug Supply Chain Security Act
DSHs | Disproportionate Share Hospitals
DSO | Days Sales Outstanding
DUR | Drug Utilization Review

E

EHR | Electronic Health Record
eMAR | Electronic Medication Administration Record
EMMS | Electronic Medication Management System
EOB | Explanation of Benefits
EPA | Environmental Protection Agency
ERP | Enterprise Resource Planning

F

FDA | U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FDCA | Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
FDS | Formulary Decision Support
FPL | Federal Poverty Level
FQHCs | Federally Qualified Health Centers
FWA | Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

G

GC | Gas Chromatography
GPO | Group Purchasing Organization

H

HCOs | Healthcare Organizations
HCPCS | Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
HCPs | Healthcare Providers
HDs | Hazardous Drugs
HEPA | High Efficiency Particulate Air
HIPAA | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HOPA | Hematology and Oncology Pharmacy Association
HPLC | High-Performance Liquid Chromatography
HRSA | Health Resources and Services Administration
HRT | Hormone Replacement Therapy

I

ICD | International Classification of Diseases
IDNs | Integrated Delivery Networks
IM | Intramuscular
IRA | Inflation Reduction Act
ISO | International Organization for Standardization
IV | Intravenous
IVR | Interactive Voice Response System

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K

KOLs | Key Opinion Leaders

KPIs | Key Performance Indicators

L

LAWFs | Laminar Airflow Workbenches

LTC | Long-Term Care

M

M&A | Pharmacy Mergers & Acquisitions

MAP | Medication-Related Action Plan

MCOs | Managed Care Organizations

MDPNP | Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program

MFP | Maximum Fair Price

MSL | Medical Science Liaison

MTF | Medicare Transaction Facilitator

MTM | Medication Therapy Management

MTR | Medication Therapy Review

N

NABP | National Association of Boards of Pharmacy

NACDS | National Association of Chain Drug Stores

NAPLEX | North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination

NASP | National Association of Specialty Pharmacy

NCPA | National Community Pharmacists Association

NDC | National Drug Code

NIOSH | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

NPS | Net Promoter Score

NRC | Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NSF | National Sanitation Foundation

O

OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OTC | Over-the-Counter Medications

P

PA | Prescription Prior Authorization

PAP | Patient Assistance Program

PBM | Pharmacy Benefit Managers

PDMP | Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

PET | Positron Emission Tomography scan

Pharm.D. | Doctor of Pharmacy

PHI | Patient Health Information

PIC | Pharmacist-in-Charge

PMR | Personal Medication Record

PMS | Pharmacy Management Software

PNT | Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee

POS | Point of Sale System

PPE | Personal Protective Equipment

PPO | Preferred Provider Organization

PRN | "As Needed" Medications

PSAO | Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization

P&T Committee | Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

PTS | Pneumatic Tube Delivery System

R

RA | Remittance Advice

RCM | Revenue Cycle Management

RCRA | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

R&D | Research and Development

RFID | Radio Frequency Identification

ROI | Return on Investment

RPh | Registered Pharmacist

RPM | Remote Patient Monitoring Software

RRCs | Rural Referral Centers

S

SC | Subcutaneous

SME | Subject Matter Expert

SOPs | Standard Operating Procedures

SPECT | Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography scan

T

TDM | Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

TH | Transaction History

TI | Transaction Information

TPN | Total Parenteral Nutrition

TS | Transaction Statement

U

UPS | Uninterrupted Power Supply

USP | United States Pharmacopeia

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