

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL ACRONYMS

AAAH	Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care
AAMI	American Association of Microbiologists, Inc. also Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
ABX	Antibiotics
ABCS	Active Bacterial Core Surveillance
ABHR	Alcohol-based hand rub
ACA	Affordable Care Act
ACA	Apparent Cause Analysis
ACC	Annual Conference Committee
ACIP	Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
ACS	American College of Surgeons, or Antimicrobial Complaint Systems (Texas Tech U Health Sciences Center)
ADA	American Diabetes Association, American Dietetic Association, American Dental Association, Americans with Disabilities Act
AFB	Acid fast bacilli
AGNB	Aerobic gram-negative bacilli
AHA	American Hospital Association
AHEHP	Association of Hospital Employee Health Professionals
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (federal agency)
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AJIC	American Journal of Infection Control (published by APIC)
AMA	American Medical Association
ANA	American Nurses Association
ANCC	American Nurses Credentialing Center
AOA	Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program of the American Osteopathic Association
AOAC	Association of Official Analytical Chemists
AORN	Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
APHA	American Public Health Association
APIC	Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.
APU	Annual Payment Update
ASA	American Society of Anesthesiologists
ASAE	American Society of Association Executives
ASC	Ambulatory Surgery Center, or Active surveillance cultures
ASCP	American Society of Clinical Pathology
ASHP	American Society of Health System Pharmacists
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers
ASM	American Society of Microbiologists
ASP	Antibiotic Stewardship Program
ASPAN	American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
ASPR	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS)
ASTHO	Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
AST	Association of Surgical Technologists
ATO	APIC Text Online
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
AUR	Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (NHSN module)
BAL	Bronchoalveolar lavage
BBP	Bloodborne pathogen
BMT	Bone-marrow transplant
BPD	Bronchopulmonary dysplasia, condition occurring in long-term ventilated neonates
BSI	Bloodstream infection
BSN	Bachelors of Science in nursing
CACC	California APIC Coordinating Council
CAH	Critical-access hospital
CAMH	Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (published by The Joint Commission)
CAUTI	Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection
CBIC	Certification Board of Infection Control
CCE	Center for Clinical Epidemiology
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDI	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection (<i>C. diff</i>)
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CfC	Condition for Coverage
CIC	Certification in Infection Prevention and Control
CID	Clinical Infectious Diseases
CIDRAP	Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy
CLABSI	Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection
CLIP	Central Line Insertion Practices
CLR	Chapter Legislative Representative
CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (part of CMS)
CMO	Chief medical officer
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CNO	Chief nursing officer
COI	Conflict of interest
COP	Condition of participation
CR-BSI	Central line-related bloodstream infection
CRE	Carbapenem-resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>
CSF	Cerebral Spinal Fluid
CSTE	Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
CU	Consumer's Union
CUSP	Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program at AHRQ
CVIL	Cardiac and Vascular Intervention Laboratory

CY	Calendar year
DFA	Direct Fluorescent Antibody
DHQP	Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (CDC department that oversees infection control and prevention programs)
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DIC	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation
DOD	Department of Defense
DOL	Department of Labor
DOT	Directly Observed Therapy, Department of Transportation
DRG	Diagnosis related group
ED	Emergency Department
EHR	Electronic Health Record
EIA	Enzyme Immunoassay
EIP	Emerging Infections Program at CDC
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (federal government)
EP	Electro Physiology
ESBL	Extended Spectrum <i>Beta-lactamase</i>
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
EVD	Ebola virus disease
EVS	Environmental Services
FAPIC	Fellow of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
FAQ	Frequently asked question
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FGI	Facility Guidelines Institute
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
FMT	Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (treatment for <i>C. diff</i>)
FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Services (under the USDA)
FTE	Full-time employee
FY	Fiscal year
GAO	Government Accountability Office (federal government)
GISA	Glycopeptide (vancomycin)-intermediate resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (VISA)
GLC	Guidelines Committee (APIC)
GPO	Government Printing Office (federal government)
HAC	Hospital-Acquired Conditions
HAI	Healthcare-Associated Infection
HAV	Hepatitis A Virus
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
HCP	Healthcare Personnel

HCUP	Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HH	Hand Hygiene
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (federal government)
HICPAC	Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee
HIMA	Health Industry Manufacturers Association
HIT	Health Information Technology
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HRSA	Health Research Society of America, Health Resources and Services Administration (federal government)
IAHCSMM	International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases, 10 th revision
ICHE	Infection Control and Healthcare Epidemiology
ICNA	Infection Control Nurses Association _ United Kingdom and Ireland
ICRA	Infection Control Risk Assessment
ICS	Incident Command System
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IDSA	Infectious Diseases Society of America
ID	Infectious Disease (usually followed by “physician”)
ICP(s)	Infection Control Practitioner(s), Infection Control Professional(s)
IFA	Immunofluorescent antibody
IFIC	International Federation of Infection Control
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IIPW	International Infection Prevention Week
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IP	Infection Preventionist
IPAC	Infection Prevention and Control Canada
IPC	Infection prevention and control (programs is implied)
IPCP	Infection prevention and control program (CMS designation for Long-Term Care)
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System at CMS
IRF	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IQR	Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program
ISO	International Standards Organization
JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
JID	Journal of Infectious Diseases
KPC	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> Carbapenemase
LTC	Long-term care
LTACH	Long-term acute care hospital (CDC terminology for LTCH)
LTCH	Long-term care hospital (CMS terminology)
LOS	Length of Stay

M&M	Morbidity and Mortality
MD	Medical Doctor
MDRO	Multiple drug resistant organisms
MERS-CoV	Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus
MHFG	Mental Health Focus Group (APIC)
MIC	Minimum Inhibitory Concentration
MICU	Medical Intensive Care Unit
MMRV	Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (vaccine)
MMWR	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (CDC publication)
MPH	Master of Public Health
MPSMS	Medicare Patient Safety Monitoring System
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (drug resistant <i>Staph</i> infection)
MRSE	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus epidermis</i>
MSN	Master of Nursing
MSSA	Methicillin-sensitive <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
MT	Medical Technologist (a certified laboratory professional)
MTB	Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Bacteria
MWI	Medical waste incineration
NACCHO	National Association of City and County Health Officials
NAPHAI	National Action Plan to Prevent HAIs: Roadmap to Elimination (program within HHS)
NCAI	National Coalition for Adult Immunization
NCID	National Center for Infectious Diseases
NCEZID	National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (CDC)
NCQA	National Committee on Quality Assurance
NFID	National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
NFSNO	National Federal for Specialty Nursing Organizations
NHSN	National Healthcare Safety Network (replaced NNIS; CDC system for HAI surveillance)
NIAID	National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NNIS	National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance Systems
NOCA	National Organization for Competency Assurance (previously NCHCA)
NQF	National Quality Forum
OASH	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (HHS office)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (federal government)
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
OPIM	Other Potentially Infectious Material
OPPS	Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OQR	Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program

OR	Operating Room
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (agency in the U.S. Department of Labor)
OTA	Office of Technology Assessment
PACCARP	President's Advisory Council on Combatting Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria
PAPR	Powered air-purifying respirator
PC	Period of communicability
PCAST	President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PCRA	Pre-Construction Risk Assessment
PD	Positive Deviance
PGC	Practice Guidance Committee
PI	Primary Investigator, performance improvement
PICU	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
PNP	Partnership for Patients (CMS)
PPC	Public Policy Committee
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PR	Powered respirator (often used with HEPA) or public relations
PSI	Patient Safety Indicator
PSC	Patient Safety Component
PSO	Patient Safety Organization
QAPI	Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QIN	Quality Innovation Network
QIP	Quality Incentive Program
RCA	Root Cause Analysis
RN	Registered Nurse (undergraduate degree)
RP	Recommended Practice
SAAR	Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratio
SARS	Severe Acquired Respiratory Syndrome
SCIP	Surgical Care Improvement Project
SEIU	Service Employees International Union
SGNA	Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc.
SHEA	Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
SICU	Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SIP	Safe injection practices
SIR	Standardized Infection Ratio
SIS	Surgical Infections Society
SME	Subject matter expert
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SPD	Sterile Processing Department

SSI	Surgical Site Infection
STDs	Sexually transmitted diseases
TAP	Targeted Assessment for Prevention
Tdap	Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis (vaccine)
TB	Tuberculosis
TFAH	Trust for America's Health
TJC	The Joint Commission (previously known as JCAHO)
TSS	Toxic Shock Syndrome
TTI	Transfusion transmitted infection
UP-Broad	Universal precautions-Broad
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
UV	Ultraviolet
UVGI	Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation
VAE	Ventilator-Associated Events
VAP	Ventilator-associated pneumonia
VBP	Value-based Purchasing
VRE	Vancomycin resistant <i>enterococci</i> (drug resistant bacteria)
VRSA	Vancomycin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
WHO	World Health Organization
	Other Helpful Resources
	Please visit Consumer or Professional Infection Prevention and You pages on our website.