

HEALTHCARE ACRONYMS (cheat sheet)

A		CPSI	Canadian Patient Safety Institute
AC	Accreditation Canada	CCU	Cardiac Care Unit
ADL	Activities of Daily Living	CMG	Case Mix Group
ADM	Assistant Deputy Minister	CSR	Central Sterilization Room
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction	CFO	Chief Financial Officer
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	CIO	Chief Information Officer
AFA	Alternate Funding Agreement	CMOH	Chief Medical Officer of Health
AGM	Annual General Meeting	CNO	Chief Nursing Officer
ALS	Advanced Life Support	CNO	College of Nurses of Ontario
ATLS	Advanced Trauma Life Support	COS	Chief of Staff
ALC	Alternate Level of Care	CDR	Clinical Data Repository
ALOS	Average Length of Stay	CPGs	Clinical Practice Guidelines
B		CFPC	College of Family Physicians of Canada
BCHS	Brant Community Healthcare System	CFMA	Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act, 2004
BCLS	Basic Cardiac Life Support	CHC	Community Health Centre
BMD	Bone Mineral Densitometer	CC	Complex Care
BTLS	Basic Trauma Life Support	CAT Scan	Computerized Axial Tomography Scan
BGSM	Building Gross Square Meters	CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
BOND	Business Orientated New Development	CME	Continuing Medical Education
BPSAA	Broader Public Sector Accountability Act	CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
C		CDAD	Clostridium Difficile Associated Diarrhea
CAW	Canadian Auto Workers	CDI	Clostridium Difficile Infection
CCAC	Community Care Access Centre	COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CCO	Cancer Care Ontario	CPSO	College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	D	
CHA	Canadian Healthcare Association	DM	Deputy Minister
CIHI	Canadian Institute for Health Information	DI	Diagnostic Imaging (Lab/X-Ray)
CMPA	Canadian Medical Protective Association	DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
		DS	Day Surgery

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E

ECG/ EKG Electrocardiography
ED Emergency Department
EMR Electronic Medical Record
EMS Emergency Medical Service
EAP Employee Assistance Program
ELOS Expected Length of Stay
ER Emergency Room
ECFAA Excellent Care For All Act
ENITS Emergency Neurosurgery Image Transfer System

F

FAC Fiscal Advisory Committee
FOI Freedom of Information
FTE Full-Time Equivalent
FIPPA Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

G

GI Gastroenterology
GAU Geriatric Assessment Unit
GCE Governance Centre of Excellence

H

HHS Hamilton Health Sciences
HNHB CCAC Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant
Community Care Access Centre
HNHB LHIN Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local
Health Integration Network
HCW Health Care Workers

HL7 Health Level Seven
HFO Health Force Ontario
HHR Health Human Resources
HOBIC Health Outcomes for Better Information and
Care
HSP Health Service Provider
HSIP Health System Improvement Pre-proposal
HAAO Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario
HAA Hospital Accountability Agreement
HAPS Hospital Annual Planning Submissions
HBAM Hospital Based Allocation Methodology
HOCC Hospital On-Call Coverage
H-SAA Hospital Service Accountability Agreement
HR Human Resources
HRAP Human Resources Adjustment Plan
H-SAA Hospital Service Accountability Agreement
HSMR Hospital Standardized Mortality Ratio
HIRF Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund
HDIRS Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Repository
Services

I

ICD International Classification of Diseases
IHF Independent Health Facility
ILI Influenza-like Illness
IMS Incident Management System
IS Information Systems
ISMP Institute for Safe Medication Practices
IHSP Integrated Health Services Plan
ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network
ICES Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences

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IT Information Technology

J

JHSC Joint Health & Safety Committee
JBMA Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital

K

L

LAS Laboratory Automation System
LEAN
LIS Laboratory Information System
LOS Length of Stay
LAN Local Area Network
LHIN Local Health Integration Network
LHSIA Local Health System Integration Act, 2006

M

MAC Medical Advisory Committee
MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MoHLTC Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care
MIS Management Information Systems
MYF Multi Year Funding
MRP Most Responsible Physician
M-SAA Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement

N

NHS Niagara Health System
NAC Nursing Advisory Committee
NGH Norfolk General Hospital

NH Nursing Home
NHNH (The) Norfolk Hospital Nursing Home

O

OCCI Ontario Case Costing Initiative
OCFP Ontario College of Family Physicians
OHA Ontario Hospital Association
OHT Ontario Health Team
OHW Ontario Health West
ONA Ontario Nurses' Association
OR Operating Room
ORNGE (air ambulance – NOT an acronym)
OTC Over-the-counter Drug
OTN Ontario Telemedicine Network

P

PHIPA Personal Health Information Protection Act
P&T Pharmacy & Therapeutics
PACS Picture Archiving & Communications System
PDST Planning Decision Support Tool
PACU Postanesthetic Care Unit
PET Positron Emission Tomography
PGY Postgraduate Year
PM Preventative Maintenance
PHA Public Hospitals Act
PKI Public Key Infrastructure
POCT Point of Care Testing
PAC Program Advisory Committee
PSSDA Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act
PBP Performance Based Pay
PDOV Patient Declaration of Values

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Q

QCIPA Quality of Care Information Protection Act
QIP Quality Improvement Plan

R

RCEC Regional Council Executive Committee (OHA)
RR Recovery Room
RFI Request for Information
RFP Request for Proposal
RFQ Request for Qualifications
RN Registered Nurse
RNAO Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario
RPN Registered Practical Nurse

S

SJHH St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
SWOT Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

T

TPN Total Parenteral Nutrition
TQM Total Quality Management

U

US Ultrasound

V

VSA Vital Signs Absent

W

WTIS Wait Time Information System
WHGH West Haldimand General Hospital
WLMH West Lincoln Memorial Hospital
WHMIS Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
WHO World Health Organization
WTS Wait Time Strategy