

**** Generic Health glossary**—*Note that entries are written as per federal Hansard style*
(Glossary to be updated in late 2004)

****Looking for something? Search for it electronically or try the acronym first eg ANF = Australian Nursing Federation**

A&E = accident and emergency
ACHS = Australian Council on Healthcare Standards
ACHSE = Australian College of Health Service Executives
ADEC = Australian Drug Evaluation Committee
AHA = Australian Healthcare Association
AHCA = Australian health care agreement (l/c – Hansard style)
AHMAC = Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council
AIHW = Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AMA = Australian Medical Association
AMC = Australian Medical Council
ANF = Australian Nursing Federation
ARMC = Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre (Victoria)
Australian Association of Paediatric Teaching Centres
Australian College of Health Service Executives
Australian College of Midwives Inc.
Australian Health Insurance Association
Australian Healthcare Association
Australian Physiotherapy Association
Australian Private Hospitals Association
Biotechnology Australia
BiPAP = bi-level positive airway pressure
BresaGen
CAPD = continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
Catholic Health Australia
CCT = coordinated care trials
Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation, University of Sydney
Centre for Health Program Evaluation, Health Economics Unit, Monash University
Children's Hospitals Australasia
CHRI = Child Health Research Institute
Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges
CPAP = continuous positive airway pressure
CPI = clinical practice improvement
CRC for Microtechnology
CSSP = Clinical Support Systems Program, an initiative of the RACP
Daw Park hospital = Repatriation General Hospital, Daw Park, SA
Deafness Association of the Northern Territory Inc.
Department of Health and Ageing (Commonwealth department)
Department of Health and Community Care, Australian Capital Territory
Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania
Department of Health, NSW (DOH); generally known as NSW Health
Department of Health, QLD; generally known as Queensland Health
Department of Health, Western Australia
Department of Human Services, SA
Department of Human Services, Victoria (DHS)
DRG = diagnosis related groups; or diagnostic research groups
EBM = evidence based medicine
ENT = ear, nose and throat
HACC services = home and community care services
HFEA regulations
HIC = Health Insurance Commission
HMO = hospital medical officer
HOIC = hospital output costs index
ICD = international classification of diseases; ICD-10 codes (ICD-10-AM = International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Australian Modification)
iCSi (yes, lower-case i's)

IFI = indicators for intervention
 IFRAC = in-patient admission cost fraction; or inpatient fraction
 Indicators for Drugs and Therapeutics Committee
 IPTAAS = Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation and Assistance Scheme
 Major National Research Facility Award
 MBS = Medicare Benefits Scheme
 McKay group
 Medicaid (US)
 Menzies School of Health Research
 MPSs = multipurpose services
 MRI = magnetic resonance imaging
 MSAC = Medical Services Advisory Committee
 NACCHO = National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
 National Allied Health Casemix Committee
 National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health
 National Childhood Immunisation Program
 National Institutes of Health
 National Medicinal Drug Policy
 National Rural Health Alliance
 NHIMAC = National Health Information Management Advisory Council
 NHMRC = National Health and Medical Research Council—<http://www.nhmrc.health.gov.au>
 NSW Health; also known as Department of Health, NSW
 Orlic study
 PBAC = Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee
 PBS = Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
 PCDS = Preventable Chronic Diseases Strategy
 PHAA = Public Health Association of Australia Inc.
 PHI = private health insurance
 PHIAAC = Private Health Insurance Advisory Council
 Private Health Insurance Ombudsman
 PT Biotech
 Queensland Health; also known as Department of Health, QLD
 RACGP = Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
 RACP = Royal Australasian College of Physicians
 RBRVS = resource based relative value scale
 Regional Health Services Program, Department of Health and Ageing
 RIM = retirement income modelling
 RMOs = resident medical officers
 RRMA = rural, remote, metropolitan areas (classification)
 Rural and Remote Health Financing Project
 RVS = relative value study
 Sabin vaccine
 SASMOA = South Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association
 SCCSISA = Standing Committee of Community Services and Income Security Administrators
 SCGH = Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (WA)
 section 100 agreements; section 100 scheme
 SLA = statistical local area
 Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia
 Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture program
 Sydney Teaching Hospitals Advocacy Group
 TAG = Therapeutic Assessment Group; NSWTAG = NSW Therapeutic Assessment Group
 teratocarcinoma
 TMEs = transferable Medicare entitlements
 TPI = totally and permanently incapacitated
 VMOs = visiting medical officers
 VRE = vancomycin resistant enterococcus
 Women's Hospitals Australia
 WOOS = weighted occasions of outpatient services