

APPENDIX 9

List of Acronyms

List of acronyms and meanings used in the evidence report.

Appendix 9. List of Acronyms Used

AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
ACG	Ambulatory Care Groups
ACSC	Ambulatory care sensitive conditions
ADE	Adverse drug events
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
APR-DRGs	All Patient Refined – Diagnosis Related Groups (developed by 3M™ Corporation)
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CCP	Cooperative Cardiovascular Project
CE	Carotid endarterectomy
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CONQUEST	Computerized Needs-oriented Quality Measurement Evaluation System
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSI	Comprehensive Severity Index
C-section	Cesarean section
DEMPAQ	Develop and Evaluate Methods to Promote Ambulatory Care Quality (HCFA)
DNR	Do not resuscitate
DRG	Diagnosis Related Groups, developed by HCFA
DVT	Deep vein thrombosis
EPC	Evidence-Based Practice Center
GI	Gastrointestinal
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HCUP	Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project
HEDIS	The Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HP 2000 or 2010	Healthy People 2000 or 2010, developed by the Dept. of Health and Human Services
ICD-9-CM	The International Classification of Diseases, ninth revision, clinical modification
IRB	Internal review board
IT	Information technology
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
LC	Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
MEDPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
MeSH	Medical Subject Headings (developed by National Library of Medicine for Medline)
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSX	Multivariate Signal Extraction
NCQA	National Committee on Quality Assurance
NIS	Nationwide Inpatient Sample
NLHI	National Library of Healthcare Indicators
OLS	Ordinary Least Squares (regression)
OMD	Optimal minimal distance
ORYX™	Trademark name used by JCAHO for a set of hospital performance measures
OSHPD	Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, State of California
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PIP-DCG	Principal Inpatient Diagnostic Cost Groups, developed by HCFA
PPV	Positive predictive value
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
QI	Quality Indicators
RCT	Randomized controlled trial
SAS™	formerly, Statistical Analysis System (distributed by the SAS Corporation)
SEER	Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results

SPSS™	formerly, Statistical Package for Social Scientists (distributed by the SPSS Corporation)
UB-92	Uniform Billing form 92, developed by HCFA
UCSF	University of California, San Francisco
UR	Uterine rupture
UTI	Urinary tract infection
VAR	Vector autoregression structure
VBAC	Vaginal birth after cesarean section