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Abbreviations and Acronyms

Phrase/Terms	Abbreviation/ Acronym
Academic Medical Center	AMC
Accountable Care Organization	ACO
Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education	ACCME
Accreditation Council for Graduated Medical Education	ACGME
Accreditation Data System	ADS
Acting Internship	AI
Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support	ACLS
Advanced Trauma Live Support	ATLS
Affordable Care Act	ACA
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	AHRQ
Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers	AIAMC
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine	AACOM
American Association of Retired Persons	AARP
American Board of Medical Specialties	ABMS
American Board of Allergy and Immunology (ABAI)	American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS)
American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)	American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS)
American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery (ABCRS)	American Board of Pathology (ABPath)
American Board of Dermatology (ABD)	American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM)	American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR)
American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM)	American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS)
American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)	American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM)
American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG)	American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN)
American Board of Neurological Surgery (ABNS)	American Board of Radiology (ABR)
American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM)	American Board of Surgery (ABS)
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG)	American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS)
American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO)	American Board of Urology (ABU)
American College of Physicians	ACP
American Medical Association	AMA
American Medical Association Physician’s Recognition Award	AMA PRA
American Osteopathic Association (AOA)	
American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology (AOBA)	American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology (AOBOO)
American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology (AOBD)	American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery (AOBOS)
American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM)	American Osteopathic Board of Pathology (AOBPa)
American Osteopathic Board of Family Medicine (AOBFM)	American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics (AOBPe)
American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM)	American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AOBPMR)
American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry (AOBNP)	American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine (AOBPM)
American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMN)	American Osteopathic Board of Proctology (AOBPr)
American Osteopathic Board of Nuclear Medicine (AOBNM)	American Osteopathic Board of Radiology (AOBR)
American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOBOG)	American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS)
American International Medical Graduate	AIMG
American Medical Graduate	AMG

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American Nurses Credentialing Center	ANCC
Americans with Disabilities Act	ADA
Annual Institutional Review	AIR
Annual Program Evaluation	APE
Area Health Education Center	AHEC
Areas for Improvement	AFI
Associate Program Director	APD
Association for Hospital Medical Education	AHME
Association of American Medical Colleges	AAMC
Balanced Budget Amendment	BBA
Basic Life Support	BLS
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	CMS
Certification Verification Service	CVS
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	CRNA
Chief Executive Officer	CEO
Chief Financial Officer	CFO
Chief Medical Officer	CMO
Chief Nursing Officer	CNO
Chief Resident	CR
Children's Hospital's Graduate Medical Education	CHGME
Clerkship Coordinator	CC
Clerkship Director	CD
Clinical Competency Committee	CCC
Clinical Evaluation Exercise	CEX
Clinical Knowledge	CK
Clinical Learning Environment	CLE
Clinical Learning Environment Review	CLER
Clinical Skills	CS
Clinical Skills Assessment	CSA
Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	COCA
Common Program Requirements	CPR
Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Care (PC) • Medical Knowledge (MK) • Practice-Based Learning and Improvement (PBLI) • Interpersonal and Communication Skills (ICS) • Professionalism (PROF) • Systems-Based Practice (SBP) 	
Competency-based Education and Training	CBET
Comprehensive Clinical Exam	CCE
Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination	COMLEX
Continuing Medical Education	CME
Continuing Professional Development	CPD
Core Faculty	CF

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Curriculum Vitae	CV
Dean's Council Graduate Medical Education	DCGME
Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control	DMAIC
Designated Institutional Official	DIO
Diagnostic-Related Group	DRG
Direct Graduate Medical Education	DGME
Director of Medical Education	DME
Doctor of Medicine (Allopathic physicians)	MD
Doctor of Osteopathy (Osteopathic physicians)	DO
Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates	ECFMG
Educational Innovation Project	EIP
Electronic Health Record	EHR
Electronic Medical Record	EMR
Electronic Reporting System	ERS
Electronic Residency Application Service	ERAS
Employee Assistance Program	EAP
Employment Authorization Document	EAD
Entrustable Professional Activity	EPA
Equal Employment Opportunity	EEO
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	EEOC
Evidence-Based Medicine	EBM
Exchange Visitor Sponsorship	EVS
Failure Mode and Effects Analysis	FMEA
Family Medical Leave	FML
Family Medical Leave Act	FMLA
Federally Qualified Health Centers	FQHC
Federation of State Medical Boards	FSMB
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	FERPA
Foreign International Medical Graduate	FIMG
Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research	FAIMER
Frequently Asked Questions	FAQs
Full Time Equivalent	FTE
Graduate Medical Education	GME
Graduate Medical Education Committee	GMEC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean's Council Graduate Medical Education Committee (DCGMEC) • Children's Hospital's Graduate Medical Education Committee (CHGMEC) 	
Group Objective Structured Clinical Exam	GOSCE
Group on Education Affairs	GEA
Group on Resident Affairs	GRA
Health Information Network	HIN
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	HIPAA
Health Professions Shortage Area	HPSA
Health Resources and Services Administration	HRSA
Human Resources	HR

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Improving Performance in Practice	IPIP
Indirect Medical Education	IME
Initial Residency Period	IRP
In-Service Exam	ISE
Institute for Healthcare Improvement	IHI
Institute of Medicine	IOM
Institutional Review Board	IRB
Institutional Review Committee	IRC
Institutional Review Document	IRD
Instructional Design	ID
Instructional Systems Design	ISD
Intensive Care Unit	ICU
Intern Resident Information System	IRIS
Interprofessional Continuing Education	IPCE
Interprofessional Education	IPE
In-Training Exam	ITE
Liaison Committee for Specialty Boards	LCSB
Liaison Committee on Medical Education	LCME
Maintenance of Certification	MOC
Maintenance of Certification Anesthesiology	MOCA
Maintenance of Licensure	MOL
Medical College Admissions Test	MCAT
Medical Student Coordinator	MSC
Medically Underserved Area	MUA
Memorandum of Understanding	MOU
National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners	NBOME
National Board of Medical Examiners	NBME
National Center for Biotechnical Information	NCBI
National Committee for Quality Assurance	NCQA
National Guidelines Clearinghouse	NGC
National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality	NICHQ
National Labor Relations Board	NLRB
National Patient Safety Foundation	NPSF
National Practitioner Data Bank	NPDB
National Quality Forum	NQF
National Quality Measures Clearinghouse	NQMC
National Quality Strategy	NQS
National Resident Matching Program (MATCH)	NRMP
National Surgical Quality Improvement	NSQIP
Neonatal Resuscitation Program	NRP
Next Accreditation System	NAS
Objective Structured Clinical Exam	OSCE
Office of Faculty Appointments	OFA

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Operating Room	OR
Optional Practical Training	OPT
Osteopathic Continuous Certification	OCC
Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions	OPTI
Osteopathic Principles Committee	OPC
Patient Safety	PS
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	PALS
Per Resident Amount	PRA
Periodic Program Review	PPR
Physician Assistant	PA
Physician Quality Reporting System	PQRS
Plan, Do, Check, Act	PDCA
Plan, Do, Study, Act	PDSA
Postgraduate Year	PGY
Primary Care Physician	PCP
Program Coordinator	PC
Program Director	PD
Program Evaluation Committee	PEC
Program Improvement Plan	PIP
Program Letter of Agreement	PLA
Quality Assurance	QA
Quality Improvement	QI
Quality Improvement/Patient Safety	QI/PS
Randomized Controlled Trial	RCT
Registered Nurse	RN
Relative Value Units	RVU
Remote Standardized Patient	RSP
Residency and Fellowship Position Appointment	RFPA
Residency Management System	RMS
Residency Review Committee	RRC
Root Cause Analysis	RCA
San Francisco Match	SF Match
Shared Decision Making	SCM
Shared Mental Model	SMM
Special Program Review	SPR
Sponsoring Institution	SI
Standardized Patient	SP
Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats	SWOT
Student & Exchange Visitor Information System	SEVIS
Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan	SOAP
Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program	SOAP
The Joint Commission	TJC
Total Parenteral Nutrition	TPN

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Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education	TAGME
Training Program Liaison	TPL
Transition to Practice	TTP
Transitional Year	TY
Transitional Year Review Committee	TYRC
Unannounced Standardized Patient	USP
Under Represented Minority	URM
Undergraduate Medical Education	UME
United States	US
United States Department of Health & Human Services	HHS
United States Department of Homeland Security	DHS
United States Immigration and Nationality Act	INA
United States Medical Licensing Exam	USMLE
Vice President	VP
Virtual Learning Environment	VLE
Visiting Student Learning Opportunities	VSLO
Web Accreditation Data System	WebADS
World Health Organization	WHO

NOTE: Different institutions may use different abbreviations and acronyms. This document is intended to serve as a guide.