



EHR Readiness Tool Kit

EHR & Technology Abbreviations/Acronyms

The following is a list of abbreviations and acronyms frequently used in electronic health record and related technology discussions.

ANSI	American National Standards Institute
BC-MAR	Bar-coded medication administration systems
CCR	Continuity of care record
CDR	Clinical data repository or central data repository
CDS	Clinical decision support
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (<i>Formerly HCFA - Healthcare Finance Administration</i>)
COWs	Computer on wheels
COP	Conditions of participation
CPOE	Computerized provider order entry
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (also <i>HHS</i>)
EBM	Evidence-based medicine
EDMS	Electronic document management system
EHR	Electronic health record
EMPI	Enterprise master patient index
EMR	Electronic medical record
ePHI	Electronic protected health information
HCPCS	Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System
HIE	Health information exchange
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIT	Health information technology
HL7	Health Level Seven
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
IHE	Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise
IP	Internet protocol
ISDN	Integrated services digital network
ISO	International Standards Organization
JC	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
MPI	Master patient index
MRN	Medical record number
NHIN	National Health Information Network
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NLP	Natural language processing
ONCHIT	Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
O/S	Operating system
P4P	Pay for performance



PACS	Picture archiving and communications systems
PCP	Primary care physician
PHI	Protected health information
PHR	Patient health record
QIO	Quality Information Organization (<i>Formerly PRO - Peer Review Organization</i>)
RHIO	Regional Health Information Organization
ROI	Return on investment
SDO	Standards development organizations
SQL	Structured query language
SSL	Secure socket layer
SSP	Storage service provider
TCP/IP	Transmission control protocol/Internet protocol
USB	Universal serial bus
VOIP	Voice over the internet protocol
VPN	Virtual private network
XML	Extensible mark-up language

