| A/R | Accounts Receivable |
| A/A | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| AAAHC | Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care |
| AAAS | American Association for the Advancement of Science |
| AAAASC | American Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers |
| AABB | American Association of Blood Banks |
| AAFP | American Academy of Family Physicians |
| AAHC | Association of Academic Health Centers |
| AAHE | Association for the Advancement of Health Education |
| AAHP | American Association of Health Plans (now merged with HIAA to form AHIP) |
| AAHSA | American Association of Homes & Services for the Aging |
| AAMA | American Association of Medical Assistants |
| AAMC | Association of American Medical Colleges |
| AANA | American Association of Nurse Anesthetists |
| AAOHNS | American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery |
| ICD9CM | International Classification of Diseases Ninth Revision Clinical Modifications |
| AAP | American Association of Pathologists |
| AAPC | American Academy of Professional Coders |
| ICD10CM | International Classification of Diseases Tenth Revision Clinical Modifications |
| AAPCC | Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost |
| AAPI | "American Accreditation Program" |
| AAPPO | American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations |
| AAPS | Association of American Physicians and Surgeons |
| AARP | American Association of Retired Persons |
| AART | American Association for Respiratory Therapy |
| ABA | American Bar Association |
| ABC | American Blood Commission |
| AMBIT | Autologous Bone Marrow Transplant |
| IC | Intermediate Care Facility |
| ABX | Antibiotic |
| AC | Ambulatory Care |
| ACA | Affordable Care Act of 2010ICN | International Council of Nurses |
| ACC | Ambulatory Care Center |
| ACCME | Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education |
| ACDA | ACL Certified Data Analyst |
| ACF | Administration for Children and FamiliesCNP | International Classification for Nursing Practice |
| ACG | American College of Gastroenterology |
| ACGME | Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education |
| ACHE | American College of Healthcare Executives |
| ACIIP | Association of Clinical IVR and IWR Professionals |
| CFMR | Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded |
| ACIL | American Council of Independent Laboratories |
| ACLA | American Clinical Laboratory Association |
| ACLPS | Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists |
| ACM | American College of Medicine |
| ACNHA | American College of Nursing Home Administrators |
| ACNM | American College of Nurse Midwives |
| ACO | Accountable care organizationCPC | International Classification of Primary Care |
Ambulatory Surgery Center

American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Clinical Pathology
American Society of Hematology
American Society for Healthcare Engineering
Reporting patients condition Age Sex History Illness Consciousness ETAP\ Medical Audit Program
American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
American Society for Healthcare Risk Management
Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan
American Society of Internal Medicine
Administration Services Only Contract
Age/Sex Rates
Aspartate Aminotransferase
Medical College Admission Test
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Maternal and Child Health Program
Alcohol Treatment Services
Ambulatory utilization review
Average wholesale price
Department of Ayurveda Yoga and Naturopathy Unani Siddha and Homoeopathy
Managed Care Organization
Zidovudine
Acute care see acute care
Admission Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as facilitating entry of a patient into a health care facility
Ambulatory Care care health services or acute care services that are provided on an outpatient basis
Amputation Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the promotion of physical and psychological healing after amputation of a body part
Administration on Aging
American Pharmaceutical Association
Balanced Budget Act of 1997
Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (usually BBA)
Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999
Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
Medicare dependent Hospital
Bar Code Medication Administration
Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
Masters in Health Care Administration
Baylor Health Care System Dallas TX
Myocardial Infarction
Brain Injury
Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System
Medical Loss Ratio
Basic Life Support
Board of Medical Examiners
Bryn Mawr Hospital
Body Mass Index
Board of Medical Quality Assurance
Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital
Board of Directors
Blood pressure
Bureau of Primary Health Care
Metropolitan Medical Response System
Beats Per Minute
Medicaid Management Information System
Bar Code Enabled Point of Care
Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program
Bladder Care
- care activities and interventions designed to maintain urinary bladder function including bladder retraining catheter change and catheter irrigation

Bowel Care
- care activities and interventions designed to maintain bowel function including enema bowel training diet and medication

BFRSS Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging
BSA Body surface area
BSN Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Bx Biopsy
CAE Certified Association Executive
CAH Critical Access Hospital
CAHPS Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems
CAHPS® Study; see also HCAHPS®
CAM Complementary and Alternative Medicine
NACo National Association of Counties
CAMH Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (JCAHO)
CAP Corrective Action Plan
CARF Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
CAT Computerized Axial Tomography
CBO Congressional Budget Office
CBT Computer Based Training
CCA Cost Consequence Analysis
NCHS National Center for Health Statistics
CCAC Continuing Care Accreditation Commission
CCBTI Certified Cognitive Behavioral Training Instructor
NCQA National Committee for Quality Assurance
CHCIT Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology
NDC National Drug Code
CHHP Consumer Choice Health Plan
NEJM New England Journal of Medicine
standard PubMed abbreviation is N Engl J Med
CHHRI California Cooperative HEDIS Reporting Initiative
CMC Continuous Controls Management or Certified Case Manager
NGA National Governors Association
CCN Community Care Network
CCP Certified Compliance Professional
CCR Cost Coverage Ratio
CCRAS Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha
PSO Provider Sponsored Organization
CRRCC Continuous Care Retirement Community
CRRN Critical Care Registered Nurse
NGC National Guidelines Clearinghouse
CCU Critical Care Unit (also ICU--Intensive Care Unit)
CCs Complications & Comorbidities
CDA Clinical Document Architecture
NHSC National Health Savings Corps
CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDHP Consumer Driven Health Plans
CDM Charge Description Master
CDR Computerized Data Repository
CDU Clinical Decisions Unit
NLM National Library of Medicine
CDif Clostridium Difficile
NICU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
CEA Cost-effectiveness analysis
CEO Chief Executive Officer
CERTs Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics
NMA Nigerian Medical Association
CFE Certified Fraud Examiner
CFO Chief Financial Officer
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COBRA  Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985
COC  Certificate of coverage
COE  Center of Excellence
COG  Council of GovernmentsPCP Primary Care Physician
COI  Conflict of Interest
COLA  Cost Of Living Adjustment
COMPASS  Community Participation for Action in the Social Sector NigeriaPDP Prescription Drug Plan
CON  Certificate of Need
COO  Chief Operating Officer
COPC  Community Oriented Primary CarePHC Primary health care
COPD  Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CORF  Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
COS  Chief of Staff
COTH  Council of Teaching Hospitals
COW  Computer on Wheels
CPA  Certified Public Accountant
CPG  Clinical Practice Guidelines
CPHA  Commission on Professional and Hospital ActivitiesPIAPHP Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals
CPI  Consumer Price Index
CPOE  Computer Physician (or Provider) Order Entry
CPR  Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CPT  Current Procedural Terminology
CPX  Complete Physical Exam
CQI  Continuous Quality Improvement
CQIPS  Center for Quality Improvement and Patient SafetyPPA Preferred Provider Arrangement
CRNA  Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
CRNN  Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse
CRTT  Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician
CRVS  California Relative Value StudiesPPS Prospective Payment System
CT  Cardiothoracic
CTICU  Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit
CVD  Cardiovascular Disease
CalPERS  California Public Employees Retirement System
CanCORS  Cancer Care Outcomes and Surveillance Consortium
Cardiac Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the limitation of complications resulting from an imbalance between myocardial oxygen supply and demand for a
Cast Care care activities and interventions designed to protect and maintain an immobilized body part including relief of pain pressure or constriction of circulation See also hazards of immobility
Circulatory Care arterial insufficiency in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as promotion of arterial circulation
ClinDOC  Nursing Clinical Documentation
Cmax  Maximum concentration
Continuing Care care the level of care in the health care system that consists of ongoing care of the physically handicapped mentally retarded emotionally retarded and those suffering from chronic incapacitarian
Cord Care care specialized care of the remnants of a newborns umbilical cord until it falls off consisting of cleaning and precautions to prevent infection Cleansing protocols continue until the site is com
Critical Care care intensive care
Culture-specific care those assistive supportive or facilitative acts toward or for an individual or group with evident or anticipated needs that are congruent with the values and lifestyles of an individual famil
D&O  Directors and Officers (insurance)
Developmental care in the nursing interventions classification is a nursing intervention defined as structuring the environment and providing care in response to the behavioral cues and states of the preterm infant. Direct care is the provision of services to a patient that require some degree of interaction between the patient and the health care provider. Examples include assessment, performing procedures, teaching, and counseling. Day care can refer to care provided in the Omaha system by an individual or institution of supervision for a dependent child or adult in the absence of the usual caregiver or parent. Developmental care in the nursing interventions classification is a nursing intervention defined as structuring the environment and providing care in response to the behavioral cues and states of the preterm infant. Direct care is the provision of services to a patient that require some degree of interaction between the patient and the health care provider. Examples include assessment, performing procedures, teaching, and counseling. Day care can refer to care provided in the Omaha system by an individual or institution of supervision for a dependent child or adult in the absence of the usual caregiver or parent. Developmental care in the nursing interventions classification is a nursing intervention defined as structuring the environment and providing care in response to the behavioral cues and states of the preterm infant. Direct care is the provision of services to a patient that require some degree of interaction between the patient and the health care provider. Examples include assessment, performing procedures, teaching, and counseling. Day care can refer to care provided in the Omaha system by an individual or institution of supervision for a dependent child or adult in the absence of the usual caregiver or parent. Developmental care in the nursing interventions classification is a nursing intervention defined as structuring the environment and providing care in response to the behavioral cues and states of the preterm infant. Direct care is the provision of services to a patient that require some degree of interaction between the patient and the health care provider. Examples include assessment, performing procedures, teaching, and counseling. Day care can refer to care provided in the Omaha system by an individual or institution of supervision for a dependent child or adult in the absence of the usual caregiver or parent.
Evidence-Based Medicine
Employee Benefit Research Institute
Extended Care Facility
Electrocardiography (aka EKG)
Extended Care Unit
Emergency Department
Electronic Data Interchange
Executive Director Of Nursingedit S
Electroencephalography
Endorsed Enrolled NurseSAMPLE Signs Symptoms Allergies Medications Past history Last meal Events leading up to First aid secondary survey questions
Equal Employment Opportunity
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Electronic Health Information Management
Executive Health Resources
Electrocardiography (aka ECG)
Essential Lifestyle Planning
Emergency Life SupportSCH Sole Community Hospitals
Ethical
Electromyography
Electronic Medical Record
Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Technician
Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
Ear Nose and Throat
Explanation of Benefits
Emergency Operations Center
Explanation of Medicare Benefits
Environmental Protection Agency
EvidenceBased Practice CenterSNF Skilled Nursing Facility
Exclusive Provider Organization
Early and Periodic Screening
External Quality Review Organization
Emergency Room (a.k.a. ED
Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreato graphySSI Supplemental Security Income
Employee Retirement Income Security Act
Employersponsored Insurance
End-Stage Renal Disease
Expenditure Target
Estimated Time of ArrivalTANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
European Union
Ear Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as prevention or minimization of threats to ear or hearing
Embolus Care care peripheral in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as limitation of complications for a patient experiencing or at risk for occlusion of peripheral circula
Emergency Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as providing lifesaving measures in lifethreatening situations See also emergency
Episodic Care care interventions aimed at patient cure or restoration to previous level of functioning
Eye Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the prevention or minimization of threats to eye or visual integrity
Foundation for Accountability
FACCT
GME  Graduate Medical Education
GMENAC  Graduation Medical Education National Advisory Committee
GNP  Gross National Product
GOS  General Ophthalmic Services
GP  General Practitioner
GPO  Group Purchasing Organization
GPWW  Group Practice Without Walls
GSA  Group Service Agreement
GYN  Gynecology or Gynecologist
H&P  History and Physical
HAART  Highly active antiretroviral therapy
HAC  Hospital Acquired Condition
HAI  Hospital Acquired Infection
HAV  HBV HCV Hepatitis A B C respectively
HBO  Health benefits organization
HCAPHS®  Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Survey (See also CAHPS®)
HCBS  Home and Community Based Services
HCFA  Health Care Financing Administration (now named CMS: Centers for Medicare a
HCFAP  Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program
HCHP  Harvard Community Health Plan
HCN  Home Care Network
HCP  Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System
HCPP  Health Care Prepayment Plan
HCQ  Healthcare Quality
HCUP  Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project
HDHP  High Deductible Health Plan
HDL  High Density Lipoprotein ("good cholesterol")
HEDIS  Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HF  Heart Failure
HFMA  Healthcare Financial Management Association
HGP  Human Genome Project
HH  Home Health
HHA  Home Health agency
HHS  Health and Human Services
HIAA  Health Insurance Association of America (now merged with AAHP to form AHIP)
HIE  Health Information Exchange
HIFA  Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability
HIM  Health information management
HIMA  Health Industry Manufacturers Association
HIMSS  Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
HIN  Health Information Network (also known as Regional Health Information Organ
HIO  Health Insuring Organization
HIPAA  Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996
HIPC  Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative
HIPDB  Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank
HIPPS  Health information prospective payment system
Health Information System
HISP Health Information Service Provider 2
HISPC Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration
HIT Health Information Technology
HITECH Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HITSP Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel
HIV Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HL7 Health Level 7
HME Home Medical Equipment
HMO Health Maintenance Organization
HMS Healthcare Management System
HMSA Health Manpower Shortage Area
HOPPS Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System
HPI History of Present Illness
HPSA Health Provider Shortage Area
HPSAs Health Professional Shortage Areas
HQA Hospital Quality Alliance
HQID Hospital Quality Incentive Demonstration (CMS/Premier)
HRA Health Risk Assessment
HRET Health Research and Educational Trust
HRH Human resources for health
HRHIS Human resources for health information system
HRQL Health Related Quality of Life
HRSA Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA Health Savings Account
HSC Health Services Corporation
HSE Health Service Executive
HSMR Hospital Standardized Mortality Rate
HSO Health services organization
HSP Health service plan
HTA Health Technology Assessment
HUD Housing and Urban Development
Hair Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the promotion of neat clean and attractive hair
Health Care care see health care system
Hg Mercury
I&O Intake and Output
IIP Inpatient
IADL Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
IAM Identity Access Management
IBC Independence Blue Cross
IBNR Incurred but not Reported
ICD-10 "International Classification of Diseases
ICD-9 International Classification of Diseases
ICD-9-C International Classification of Diseases
ICD-9-CM International Classification of Diseases
ICF Intermediate Care Facility
ICF/MR  Intermediate Care Facility for Mentally Retarded Persons
ICP  Infection Control Practitioner
ICRA  Infection Control Risk Assessment
ICU  Intensive Care Unit
IDFS  Integrated delivery and financing system
IDN  Integrated Delivery Network
IDS  Integrated Delivery System
IEC  Independent Ethics Committee (also called Institutional Review Board)
IG  Inspector General
IHF  International Hospital Federation
IHI  Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IM  Internal Medicine
IME  Indirect Medical Education
IMG  International Medical Graduate
IMQ  Institute for Medical Quality
INS  Immigration and Naturalization Service
IOM  Institute of Medicine
IP  Inpatient
IPA  Independent Practice Association
IPN  Integrated Provider Network
IPO  Independent Practice Organization
IPPS  Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IRB  Institutional Review Board (also called Independent Ethics Committee)
IRF  Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IRS  Internal Revenue Service
ISN  Integrated Services Network
ISO  International Organization for Standardization
IT  Information Technology (also called Information System
IU  International unit
IV  Intravenous
Indirect Care services that are related to patient care but do not require interaction between the health care provider and the patient. Examples include charting and scheduling
Infant Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the provision of developmentally appropriate, family-centered care to the child under one year of age.
Intensive Care care the care of seriously ill patients in a special hospital unit see intensive care unit. Called also critical care.
Intrapartal Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the monitoring and management of stages one and two of the birth process. See labor.
JAMA  Journal of the American Medical Association
JC  The Joint Commission (formerly JCAHO)
JCAHO  Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (now JC)
JHS  Jefferson Health System
JV  Joint venture
KFF  Kaiser Family Foundation
Kangaroo Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as promoting closeness between parent and physiologically stable preterm infant by preparing the parent and providing
Kinlein Care care kinlein
LAN  Local Area Network
LCD  Local Coverage Determination (Decision)
LCP  Licensed clinical psychologist
Long-term care health care services required for an extended period of time by individuals unable to fully execute activities of daily living it can be provided by a variety of agencies in outpatient settings.

- M.B.A. Master of Business Administration
- M.D. Doctor of (Allopathic) Medicine
- M.H.A. Master of Health Administration
- M.P.H. Master of Public Health
- MAC Medicare Administrative Contractor
- MAK Medication Administration Checking
- MAMSI Mid-Atlantic Medical Services
- MAP Medical Audit Program
- MAR Medication Administration Record
- MBWA Management By Walking Around
- MCCCA Medicare catastrophic coverage act
- MCCs Major Complications & Comorbidities
- MCE Medical Care Evaluation Studies
- MCO Managed Care Organization
- MCR Modified community rating
- MD Medical doctor
- MDC Major diagnostic category
- MDS Minimum Data Set
- MEC Medical Executive Committee
- MER Medication Errors Reporting Program (usually MER program)
- MET Multiple employer trust
- MEWA Multiple employer welfare arrangement
- MF Medical foundations
- MFS Medicare Fee Schedule
- MGCRB Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board
- MGMA Medical Group Management Association
- MH/SA Mental health/substance abuse
- MI Myocardial Infarction (heart attack; a.k.a. acute myocardial infarction o
- MIA Medically Indigent Adult
- MIG Medicare insured group
- MIS Management Information System
- MLA Main Line Affiliates
There is an emphasis on

Managed Care - a method of health care delivery that focuses on collaboration among and coordination of all services to avoid overlap duplication and delays and to reduce costs. There is an emphasis on

MedPAC - Medicare Payment Advisory Committee
MedPAR - Medicare provider analysis and review file
MedPar - Medicare Provider Analysis and Review

Medicadental - care in the Omaha system diagnosis and treatment by a physician or dentist
Mouth Care - care see mouth care

N/A - Not Applicable
NABP - National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
NACHGR - National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research
NAEHCNA - National Association of Employers on Health Care Action
NAHDO - National Association of Health Data Organizations
NAHMOR - National Association of HMO Regulators
NAHQ - National Association for Healthcare Quality
NAIC - National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NAM - National Association of Manufacturers
NAMOR - National Association of HMO Regulators
NAPM National Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers
NARD National Association of Retail Druggists
NAS National Academy of Sciences
NBCH National Business Coalition on Health
NBGH National Business Group on Health (formerly the Washington Business Group on Health)
NBME National Board of Medical Examiners
NCCAM National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine
NCDR National Cardiovascular Data Registry
NCH National Claims History
NCHS National Center for Health Statistics
NCI National Cancer Institute
NCID National Center for Infectious Diseases
NCMHD National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities
NCPDP National Council of Prescription Drug Programs
NCQA National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCQHC National Committee for Quality Health Care
NCVH National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NDA New drug approval
NDC National Drug Code
NDNQI National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators
NEJM New England Journal of Medicine
NF Nursing Facility
NFPA National Fire Protection Agency
NGO Non-Governmental Organization
NHB National Health Board
NHGRI National Human Genome Research Institute
NHI National health insurance
NHLA National Health Lawyers Association
NHLBI National Heart
NHPF National Health Policy Forum
NHS National Health Service (United Kingdom)
NIA National Institute on Aging
NIAMS National Institutes of Arthritis
NICU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIH National Institutes of Health
NIHCM National Institute for Health Care Management
NIMMH National Institute of Mental Health
NIOSH National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NLM National Library of Medicine
NLRB National Labor Relations Board
NMHCC National Managed Health Care Congress
NMR Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NP Nurse Practitioner
NPA National Prescription Audit
Nurse Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as promotion of clean neat attractive nails and prevention of skin lesions related to improper care of nails

Newborn Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as management of the neonate during the transition to extrauterine life and the subsequent period of stabilization

Nursing Care care in the omaha system therapeutic activities in addition to intermittent service including private duty nursing

O.D. Doctor of Optometry
O/P Outpatient
OA Osteoarthritis
OAA Older American Act
OASIS Outcomes and Assessment Information Set
OB Obstetrics or Obstetrician
OB/GYN Obstetrician and Gynecologist
OBRA Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OC Oral contraceptive
OIG Office of the Inspector General
OMB Office of Management and Budget
OON Out-of-Network
OOP Out-of-Pocket (Payments)
OPC Outpatient Clinic
OPM Office of Personnel Management
OPO Organ Procurement Organization
OR Operating Room
OSG Office of the Surgeon General
OSHA Occupational Health and Safety Administration
OT Occupational Therapy
OTA Office of Technology Assessment
OTC Over the Counter (Drug)

Ostomy Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as maintenance of elimination through a stoma and care of surrounding tissue See also ostomy

P&L Profit and Loss
P&O Prosthetics and Orthotics
P&T Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
P4P Pay-for-performance
PA Physician Assistant
PAC Political Action Committee
PACE Program of all-inclusive care for the elderly
PACS Picture Archival Computer Systems (mainly radiology)
PACU Post-Anesthesia Care Unit
PARF Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
PASARR Pre-admission screening and annual resident review
PASS Plan for achieving self support
PAT Preadmission Testing
Perineal Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as maintenance of perianal skin integrity and relief of perineal discomfort

Personal Care care the management of hygiene including bathing shampooing shaving nail trimming dressing and so on

Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy
PhD Doctor of Philosophy
PhRMA Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
PharmD Doctor of Pharmacy

Postanesthesia care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as monitoring and management of the patient who has recently undergone general or regional anesthesia

Postoperative care see postoperative care

Postpartal Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as monitoring and management of the patient who has recently given birth

Preoperative Care care see preoperative care

Preventive Care care the level of care in the health care system that consists of public health services and related programs such as school health education

Primary Care care the routine outpatient care that a patient receives at first contact with the health care system

ProPAC Prospective Payment Assessment Commission

Prosthesis Care care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the care of a removable appliance worn by a patient and the prevention of complications associated with its use

PsyD Doctor of psychology
QA Quality Assurance
QALY Quality of life-year
QARI Quality assurance reform initiative
QC Quality Control
QI Quality Improvement
QIC Qualified Independent Contractor
QIO Quality Improvement Organization (CMS)
QISMC Quality improvement system for managed care
QM Quality Management
QMB Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
QOL Quality of life
QR Quality Review
QTR Quarter
R&C Reasonable and customary
RAC Recovery Audit Contractors
RAI Resident assessment instrument
RAP Resident assessment protocols
RBVRS Resource-Based Relative Value Scale
RCA Root Cause Analysis
RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RDRG Refined Diagnosis Related Group
REIT Real Estate Investment Trust
RFID Radio Frequency Identification Device
RFP Request for Proposal
RHIO Regional Health Information Organization
RHQDAFU Reporting Hospital Quality Data Annual Payment Update
RIC Rehabilitation Impairment Category
RICO  Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act
RM  Risk Management
RMC  Rating method code
RN  Registered Nurse
ROA  Return on Assets
ROE  Return on Equity
ROI  Return on Investment
RPh  Registered pharmacist
RRC  Residency Review Commission
RRT  Rapid Response Team
RUG  Resource Utilization Groups
RUGS III  Resource utilization groups
RV  Residual volume
RVS  Relative Value Scale
RVU  Relative Value Unit
RW  Relative Weight
RWJ  Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
RWJF  Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Respiratory Care  see respiratory care
Restorative Care  the level of care in the health care system that consists of followup care and rehabilitation to an optimal functional level
S&P  Standard & Poor's
S/HMO  Social health maintenance organization
SAMHSA  Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SARS  Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SCH  Sole Community Hospital
SCHIP  State Children's Health Insurance Program
SCI  Spinal Cord Injury
SCIP  Surgical Care Improvement Project
SCR  Standard class rate
SD  Standard deviation
SE  Standard error
SEC  Securities Exchange Commission
SEIU  Service Employees International Union
SEM  Standard error of the mean
SG  Surgeon General
SHCC  State/Statewide Health Coordinating Council
SHP  Specified Health Professional
SIC  Standard industry code
SICU  Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SLMB  Specified low income Medicare beneficiaries
SMI  Supplementary medical insurance
SMSA  Standard metropolitan statistical area
SNF  Skilled Nursing Facility
SOA  Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX is used frequently as well)
Social Service Block Grant
SSI Supplemental Security Income
ST Speech Therapy
STAT Sooner than already there
SUA State unit on aging
SURS Survey and utilization reviews
Self Care care the performance of basic activities of daily living see also under assistance and deficit
Sickness injury care in the Omaha system the appropriate responses to illness or accidents including first aid taking temperature and seeking medical care
Skin Care care activities and interventions designed to maintain integrity of integument including care of pressure ulcers and massage
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Spiritual Care care see spiritual care
Subacute Care care comprehensive goal-oriented inpatient care designed for a patient who has had an acute illness injury or exacerbation of a disease process it is rendered either immediately after or instead
Supportive Care care interventions that help the patient achieve comfort but do not affect the course of a disease Called also palliative care or treatment
T&E Travel & Expense
TA Technology assessment
TANF Temporary assistance to needy families
TCC Transitional Care Center
TCD Transcranial Doppler
TEFRA Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982
TPA Third-Party Administrator
TPN Total parenteral nutrition
TQI/TQM Total Quality Improvement/Management
TQM Total quality management
TTHS Tiny Tiny Head Syndrome
Tertiary Care care the level of care in the health care system that consists of complex procedures given in a health care center that has highly trained specialists and often advanced technology
Traction immobi...
adult day care  day care a health care service provided for adults with a disability or illness who need partial or supplemental care and companionship during the day when family members are working or other
bed rest  care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as promotion of comfort and safety and prevention of complications for a patient unable to get out of bed See also  
cesarean section  care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as the prevention of eye injury and lens damage by proper use of contact lenses 
family centered  maternity care a pattern of caring for infants and their families used by Health and Welfare Canada. It is characterized by a great deal of flexibility and parental choice and health care profession 
high risk pregnancy care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as identification and management of a high risk pregnancy to promote healthy outcomes for mother and t
home care  health care see home health care 
incision site care  site care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as cleansing monitoring and promotion of healing in a wound that is closed with sutures clips or staples 
palliative care  supportive care
peripherally inserted central catheter care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as insertion and maintenance of a peripherally inserted central catheter
point of care  the location at which patient services are delivered 
postmortem care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as providing physical care of the body of an expired patient and support for the family viewing the body
pressure ulcer  care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as facilitation of healing in pressure ulcers
skilled nursing care the services provided by a registered nurse in a skilled nursing facility. It currently includes observation during periods of acute or unstable illness administration of intravenous fluids
urninary care  incontinence care in the nursing interventions classification a nursing intervention defined as assistance in promoting continence and maintaining perineal skin integrity. See also urinary incontin