Common Acronyms

A

AAHRPP Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protections Programs, http://www.aahrpp.org/


ACCP American College of Clinical Pharmacy, http://www.accp.com/

ACR American College of Radiology, http://www.acr.org/


ADE Adverse Drug Event

ADR Adverse Drug Reaction

AE Adverse Event

AOIR Association of Internet Researchers, http://www.aoir.org/


ATTC Addiction Technology Transfer Center, http://www.nattc.org/

B
BCOP Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist

BCP Birth Control Pills

C
CABG Cardiac/Coronary Artery Bypass Graft


CBER Center for Biologics and Research, http://www.fda.gov/cber/

CCCG Children's Cooperative/Cancer Group (now COG), http://www.childrensoncologygroup.org/
CCOP Childhood Cancer Ombudsman Program or Community Clinical Oncology Program, http://www.childhoodbraintumor.org/ombuds.html

CCSG Children's Cancer Study Group (now known as CCG)

CDER Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (US - FDA), http://www.fda.gov/cder/

CDRH Center for Devices and Radiological Health (US FDA), http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/

CE Covered Entity

CFR Code of Federal Regulations


CIM Certified IRB Manager

CIOMS Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences, http://www.cioms.ch/

CIP Certified IRB Professional

CIRB Central Institutional Review Board of the NCI, http://www.ncicirb.org

CLIA Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act/Amendment

CMHS Center for Mental Health Services/Community Mental Health Services, http://www.mentalhealth.org/cmhs/


CME Continuing Medical Education

COC Certificate of Confidentiality

COG Cooperative Oncology Groups funded by NCI: See also CCG, COG, ECOG, GOG, RTOG, POG, CALGP, and NABTC

COG Children's Oncology Group, http://www.childrensoncologygroup.org/

COGR Council on Government Relations, http://www.cogr.edu/
COI Conflict of Interest


CPA Cooperative Project Assurance

CR Common Rule

CRA Clinical Research Associate

CRC Clinical Research Coordinator

CRF Case Report Form

CRO Clinical Research Organization/Contract Research Organization

D DHEW Department of Health, Education and Welfare (no longer exists)

DHHS Department of Health and Human Services (replaced DHEW), http://www.hhs.gov/

DIA Drug Information Association

DMC Data Monitoring Committee


DSMB Data Safety Monitoring Board

E EBM Evidence-based medicine

ECOG Eastern Co-operative Oncology Group, http://www.ecog.org/

ECRI Emergency Care Research Institute, http://www.ecri.org/

EQUIC Enhancing Quality of Informed Consent

ER Emergency Room

F FDA Food and Drug Administration, http://www.fda.gov/

FDLI Food and Drug Law Institute, http://www.fdli.org/

FWA Federal Wide Assurance

G
GCP Good Clinical Practice

GeMCRIS Genetic Modification Clinical Research Information System

GMP Good Manufacturing Practice

GOG Gynecologic Oncology Group, http://www.gog.org/

GTSAB Gene Transfer Safety Assessment Board

H
HCFA Health Care Financing Administration (now known as CMS; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
http://cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/default.asp

HDE Humanitarian Device Exemption (what a HUD is classified as)

HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HMO Health Maintenance Organization

HPA Human Protections Administrator

HRP Human Research Protections

HREC Human Research Ethics Committee

HRT Hormone Replacement Therapy

HSR Health Services Research

HUD Humanitarian Use Device

I
IACUC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, http://www.iacuc.org/
IB Investigator's Brochure

IBC Institutional Biohazard Committee (needed in gene transfer research). Also Inflammatory Breast Cancer

ICD Informed Consent Document

ICF Individual Consent Form or Institutional Consent Form

ICH International Conference on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals http://www.ich.org/

ICH-GCP International Conference on Harmonization Good Clinical Practice

ICMJE International Committee of Medical Journal Editors

ICS Informed Consent Statements

ICU Intensive Care Unit

IDB Investigator's Drug Brochure

IDE Investigational Device Exemption

IEC Institutional Ethics Committee/Independent Ethics Committee

IND Investigational New Drug (application)

IRB Institutional Review Board

IRSG Intergroup Rhabdomyosarcoma Study Group

J

JCAHO Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, http://www.jcaho.org/

JIT Just in Time (procedure)

L

LAR Legally Authorized Representative

LCME Liason Committee for Medical Education, http://www.lcme.org/

LDS Limited Data Set
LEP Limited English Proficiency
LTF Long-Term Facilitation/Long-Term Fellowship
LTF Subjects Lost to Follow-up Subjects

M
MI Myocardial Infarction (heart attack)
MPA Multiple Project Assurance
MSM Men who have Sex with Men
MSO Medical Staff Office

N
NAIAD Nerve Agent Immobilized Enzyme Alarm & Detector
NCCTG North Central Cancer Treatment Group, http://ncctg.mayo.edu/
NCI National Cancer Institute, http://www.nci.nih.gov/
NCIC CTG National Cancer Institute of Canada Clinical Trial Group, http://www.ncic.cancer.ca
NCPHSBBR National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research
NCQA National Committee for Quality Assurance (currently responsible for accreditation of VA research programs) http://www.ncqa.org/
NDA New Drug Application
NICU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIA Nonaffiliated Investigator Agreement


NSABP National Surgical Adjuvant Breast & Bowel Project, http://www.nsabp.pitt.edu/

NSAID Non-Steroid Anti-Inflammatory Drug

NSR Non significant Risk


O


OHRP Office of Human Research Protections (formerly OPRR), http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/

OLES Open Label Extension Studies

OPRR (now OHRP) http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oprr/oprr.htm

OR Operating Room


ORCA Office of Research Oversight, Veterans Health Administration, (formerly ORCA) http://www1.va.gov/oro/

ORI Office of Research Integrity, http://ori.dhhs.gov/

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration, http://www.osha.gov/

P

PCP Primary Care Physician

PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction (technique to replicate fragment of DNA for genetic analysis)
PD Program Director

PDUFA Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992

PHI Private Healthcare Information/Public Health Information/Protected Health Information

PHS Public Health Service (see also USPHS United States Public Health Service), http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/pp/DHHSpresent/

PI Principal Investigator

P&P Policies and Procedures

PM Project Manager

PMA Pre Market Approval

PPRA Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_00/34cfr98_00.html

POA Power of Attorney

POG Pediatric Oncology Group (merged with CCG, now COG), http://www.childrensoncologygroup.org/


Q
QA Quality Assurance

QC Quality Control

QI Quality Improvement

QIC Quality Improvement Committee

QIP Quality Improvement Program

QOL Quality of Life

R
RAC Recombinant-DNA Advisory Committee
RAPS Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society, http://www.raps.org/

RCO Regulatory Compliance Officer

RCR Responsible Conduct of Research

RCT Randomized Control Trial

REB Research Ethics Board

RFP Request for Proposal

RTOG Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, http://www.rtog.org/

S

SAE Serious Adverse Events

SAP Suspect Adverse Reaction

SBIR Small Business Innovative Research

SC Study Coordinator

SCID Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease

SIDCER Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review, http://www.sidcer.net/

SMO Site Management Organization

SOP Standard Operating Procedure

SPA Single Project Assurance

SR Safety Report/Significant Risk

SRO Sponsored Research Office

SWOG South West Oncology Group, http://www.swog.org/

T

U
URI Upper Respiratory Infection

USPHS United States Public Health Service,
http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/pp/DHSSpresent/

V
VA Veteran's Affairs, http://www.va.gov/

VPR Vice President for Research

W

WMA World Medical Association, http://www.wma.net/e/