

# Pharmacy Acronyms Cheat Sheet

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## A

**AACP** | American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
**ACA** | American College of Apothecaries  
**ACPE** | Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education  
**ADA** | Americans with Disabilities Act  
**ADC** | Automated Dispensing Cabinet  
**ADRs** | Adverse Drug Reactions  
**AMCP** | Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy  
**AMR** | Antimicrobial Resistance  
**APhA** | American Pharmacists Association  
**API** | Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient  
**ASCP** | American Society of Consultant Pharmacists  
**ASHP** | American Society of Health-System Pharmacists  
**ASRS** | Automated Storage and Retrieval Systems

## B

**BCMA** | Barcode Medication Administration System  
**BMS** | Business Management Software  
**BPS** | Board of Pharmacy Specialties  
**BSCs** | Biological Safety Cabinets  
**BU** | Billing Unit

## C

**C-PEC** | Containment Primary Engineering Controls  
**C-SECs** | Containment Secondary Engineering Controls  
**CACIs** | Compounding Aseptic Containment Isolators  
**CAHs** | Critical Access Hospitals  
**CCD** | Continuity of Care Document  
**CDC** | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
**CDS** | Clinical Decision Support Software  
**CDMO** | Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization  
**CEUs** | Continuing Education Units  
**CFID** | Compound Formulation Identifiers  
**CGMPs** | Current Good Manufacturing Practices  
**CMS** | Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
**COB** | Coordination of Benefits  
**COOP** | Pharmacy Cooperative  
**COW** | Cart on Wheels  
**CPE / CE** | Continuing Pharmacy Education  
**CPOE** | Computerized Physician Order Entry System  
**CRM** | Customer Relationship Management  
**CSA** | Controlled Substances Act  
**CSPs** | Compounded Sterile Preparations  
**CSTDs** | Closed-System Drug-Transfer Devices

## D

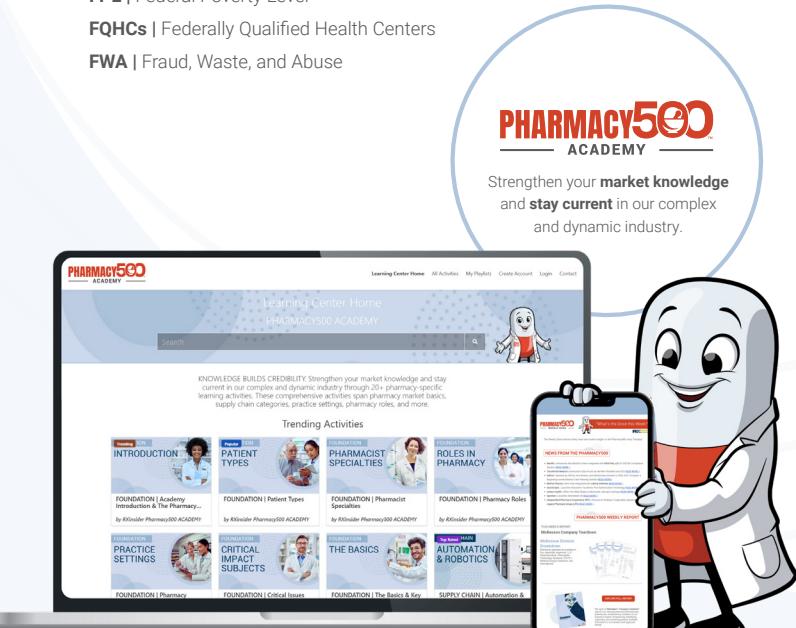
**DEA** | Drug Enforcement Administration  
**DIR Fees** | Direct and Indirect Remuneration Fees  
**DME** | Durable Medical Equipment  
**DoP** | Director of Pharmacy  
**DSCSA** | Drug Supply Chain Security Act  
**DSHs** | Disproportionate Share Hospitals  
**DSO** | Days Sales Outstanding  
**DUR** | Drug Utilization Review

## E

**EHR** | Electronic Health Record  
**eMAR** | Electronic Medication Administration Record  
**EMMS** | Electronic Medication Management System  
**EOB** | Explanation of Benefits  
**EPA** | Environmental Protection Agency  
**ERP** | Enterprise Resource Planning

## F

**FDA** | U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
**FDCA** | Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act  
**FDS** | Formulary Decision Support  
**FPL** | Federal Poverty Level  
**FQHCs** | Federally Qualified Health Centers  
**FWA** | Fraud, Waste, and Abuse



✓ **20+ PHARMACY-SPECIFIC LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

✓ **ACTIVITIES INCLUDE** MARKET BASICS, SUPPLY CHAIN CATEGORIES, PRACTICE SETTINGS, PHARMACY ROLES, & MORE!

## G

**GC** | Gas Chromatography

**GPO** | Group Purchasing Organization

## H

**HCOs** | Healthcare Organizations

**HCPCS** | Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

**HCPs** | Healthcare Providers

**HDs** | Hazardous Drugs

**HEPA** | High Efficiency Particulate Air

**HIPAA** | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

**HOPA** | Hematology and Oncology Pharmacy Association

**HPLC** | High-Performance Liquid Chromatography

**HRSA** | Health Resources and Services Administration

**HRT** | Hormone Replacement Therapy

## I

**ICD** | International Classification of Diseases

**IDNs** | Integrated Delivery Networks

**IM** | Intramuscular

**ISO** | International Organization for Standardization

**IV** | Intravenous

**IVR** | Interactive Voice Response System

## K

**KOLs** | Key Opinion Leaders

**KPIs** | Key Performance Indicators

## L

**LAWFs** | Laminar Airflow Workbenches

**LTC** | Long-Term Care

## M

**M&A** | Pharmacy Mergers & Acquisitions

**MAP** | Medication-Related Action Plan

**MCOs** | Managed Care Organizations

**MDPNP** | Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program

**MSL** | Medical Science Liaison

**MTM** | Medication Therapy Management

**MTR** | Medication Therapy Review

## N

**NABP** | National Association of Boards of Pharmacy

**NACDS** | National Association of Chain Drug Stores

**NAPLEX** | North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination

**NASP** | National Association of Specialty Pharmacy

**NCPA** | National Community Pharmacists Association

**NDC** | National Drug Code

**NIOSH** | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**NPS** | Net Promoter Score

**NRC** | Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**NSF** | National Sanitation Foundation

## O

**OSHA** | Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**OTC** | Over-the-Counter Medications

## P

**PA** | Prescription Prior Authorization

**PAP** | Patient Assistance Program

**PBM** | Pharmacy Benefit Managers

**PDMP** | Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

**PET** | Positron Emission Tomography scan

**Pharm.D.** | Doctor of Pharmacy

**PHI** | Patient Health Information

**PIC** | Pharmacist-in-Charge

**PMR** | Personal Medication Record

**PMS** | Pharmacy Management Software

**PNT** | Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee

**POS** | Point of Sale System

**PPE** | Personal Protective Equipment

**PPO** | Preferred Provider Organization

**PRN** | "As Needed" Medications

**PSAO** | Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization

**P&T Committee** | Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee

**PTS** | Pneumatic Tube Delivery System

## R

**RA** | Remittance Advice

**RCM** | Revenue Cycle Management

**RCRA** | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

**R&D** | Research and Development

**RFID** | Radio Frequency Identification

**ROI** | Return on Investment

**RPh** | Registered Pharmacist

**RPM** | Remote Patient Monitoring Software

**RRCs** | Rural Referral Centers

## S

**SC** | Subcutaneous

**SME** | Subject Matter Expert

**SOPs** | Standard Operating Procedures

**SPECT** | Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography scan

## T

**TDM** | Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

**TH** | Transaction History

**TI** | Transaction Information

**TPN** | Total Parenteral Nutrition

**TS** | Transaction Statement

## U

**UPS** | Uninterrupted Power Supply

**USP** | United States Pharmacopeia