



COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Associations, Agencies, & Organizations

AMA – American Medical Association

AMWA – American Medical Writers Association

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COPE – Committee on Publication Ethics

CRO – Contract research organization

CSE – Council of Science Editors

DIA – Drug Information Association

EFPIA – The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

EMA – European Medicines Agency

EMWA – European Medical Writers Association

FDA – US Food and Drug Administration

ICMJE – International Committee of Medical Journal Editors

ISMPP – International Society for Medical Publication Professionals

ISOQOL – International Society for Quality of Life Research

ISPOR – International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research

NIH – National Institutes of Health

NLM – National Library of Medicine

PhRMA – The Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of America

WAME – World Association of Medical Editors

WHO – World Health Organization

Clinical-Related Terminology

AE – Adverse event

BLA – Biologic License Application

CI – Confidence Interval



CIA – Corporate integrity agreement

CSR – Clinical study report

DTC – Direct to Consumer

FDAAA – Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007

FDAMA – Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act

HCP – Healthcare professional

HEOR – Health economics and outcomes research

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

IND – Investigational New Drug Application

IRB – Institutional Review Board

ITT – Intent-to-treat analysis

MSL – Medical science liaison

NDA – New Drug Application

OTC – Over-the-counter drugs

PI – Prescribing information

PRO – Patient-reported outcome

R&D – Research and development

sNDA – Supplemental New Drug Application

Publication Related Terminology

CHEERS – Consolidated Health Economics Evaluation Reporting Standards

COI – Conflict of interest

CONSORT – Consolidated Standards for Reporting Trials

DOI – Digital object identifier

GPP – Good Publication Practice

JCR – Journal Citation Reports

PLoS – Public Library of Science

PLS – Plain Language Summary



PLSP – Plain Language Summary Publication

PRISMA – Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (formerly QUORUM)

RCT – Randomized controlled trial

SPIRIT – Standard Protocol Items: Recommendations for Interventional Trials

STROBE – Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology

SWOT – Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats