COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

**Associations, Agencies, & Organizations**

**AMWA** – American Medical Writers Association  
**COPE** – Committee on Publication Ethics  
**CRO** – Contract research organization  
**DDMAC** – Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications  
**DIA** – Drug Information Agency  
**DMC** – Data Monitoring Committee or Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DSMB)  
**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  
**MPIP** – Medical Publishing Insights and Practices  
**NIH** – National Institutes of Health  
**NLM** – National Library of Medicine
PhRMA – The Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of America
TIPPA – The International Publication Planning Association

Clinical Research Terminology
AE – Adverse event
BLA – Biologic License Application
CI – Confidence Interval
CIA – Corporate integrity agreement
CSR – Clinical study report
FDAAA – Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007
FDAMA – Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act
HCPs – Healthcare professionals
HEOR – Health economics and outcomes research
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HMO – Health management organization
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
PDUFA – Prescription Drug User Fee Act
PI – Prescribing information
PPI – Patient package insert
PPO – Preferred provider organization
PRO – Patient-reported outcomes
R&D – Research and development
REMS – Risk evaluation and mitigation strategy
sNDA – Supplemental New Drug Application

Publication Related Terminology

COI – Conflict of interest
CONSORT – Consolidated Standards for Reporting Trials
DOI – Digital object identifier
GPP3 – Good Publication Practices 3
JCR – Journal Citation Reports
MOOSE – Meta-analysis of Observational Studies in Epidemiology
PLS – Plain Language Summary

ISMPP CMPP™ Mentor Program
PRISMA – Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (formerly QUORUM)

QALY – Quality-adjusted life-year

QUOROM – Quality of Reporting of Meta-analyses

RCT – Randomized controlled trial

STARD – Standards for Reporting of Diagnostic Accuracy

SWOT – Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats