AAHP		American Association of Health Plans	www.aahp.org
AAHRPP		Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protections Programs	www.aahrpp.org/index.html
ACCME		Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Eduation	www.accme.org
ACCP		American College of Clinical Pharmacy	www.accp.com
ACR		American College of Radiology	www.acr.org
ACRP		Association of Clinical Research Professionals	www.acrpnet.org
ADE		Adverse Drug Event	
ADR		Adverse Drug Reaction	
AE		Adverse Event	
AHRQ		Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	
AOIR		Association of Internet Researchers	www.aoir.org
ARENA		Applied Research Ethics Natinal Association	www.arena.org
ATTC		Addiction Technology Transfer Center	www.nattc.org
CALGB		Cancer and Leukemia Groub B	www.calgo.org
CBER		Center for Biologics and Research	www.fda.gov/cber
CCG		Children's Cooperative/Cancer Group	www.childrensoncologygroup.org
CCOP		Childhood Cancer Ombudsman Program or Community Clincal Oncology Program	www.childhoodbraintumor.org/ombuds.html
CCSG		Children's Cancer Study Group (known as CCG)	
CDC		Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	
CDER		Center for Drug Evaluation and Research	www.fda.gov/cder/
CDRJ		Center for Devices and Radiological Health	www.fda/gov/cdrh/
CE		Covered Entity	
CFT		Code of Federal Regulations	
CIM		Certified IEB Manager	
CIOMS		Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences	www.cioms.ch/
CIP		Certified IRB Professional	
CORB		Central Institutional Review Board of the NCI	www.ncicirb.org
CLIA		Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act/Amendment	
CME		Continuing Medical Education	
C,JS		Center for Mental Health Services/Community Mental Health Services	www.mentalhealth.org/default.asp
CMS		Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	http://cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/default.asp
COC		Certificate of Confidentiality	
COG		Cooperative Oncology Groups Funded by NCI (aslo see CCG. COG, ECOG, POG, CALGB and NABTC)	
COG		Children's Oncology Group	www.childrensoncologygroup.org
COGR		Council on Government Relations	www.cogr.edu

COI		Conflict of Interest	
CORP		NIH council of Public Representatives	http://copr.nih.gov/human_research_protections.htms
CPA		Cooperative Project Assurance	
CR		Common Rule	
CRA		Clinical Research Associate	
CRC		Clinical Research Coordinator	
CRS		Clinical Research Services	
CRF		Case Report Form	
DHHS		Department of Health and Huma Services (Replaced DHEW)	www.hhs.gov/
DIA		Drug Information Association	
DLT		Dose Limiting Toxicity	
DMC		Data Monitoring Committee	
DOA		Delegation of Authority	
DOE		Department of Education	www.edu.gov
DSMB		Data Safety Monitoring Board	
ECRI		Emergency care Research Institute	www.aahp.org
EQUIC		Enhancing Quality of Iformed consent	
FDA		Food and Drug Administration	www.fda.gov
FERPA		Family Educational Right and Privacy Act	
FWA		Federal Wide Assurance	
GCP		Good Clinical Practice	
GeMCRIS		Genetic Modifications Clinical Research Information System	
GOG		Gynecologic Onology Group	www.gog.org
GTSAB		Gene Transer Safety Assessment Board	
HCFA		Health Care Financing Administration (US Health and Human Services Administration)	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	
HREC		Human Research Ethics Committee	
HRP		Human Research Protections	
HRT		Hormone Rplacement Therapy	
HSR		Health Services Reseach	
HUD		Human Use Device	
IB		Investigator's Brochure	
IBC		Institutional Biohazard Committee	

ICD		Informed Consent Document	
ICF		Individual Consent form or Institutional Consent Form	
ICMJE		International Committee of Medical journal Editors	www.icmje.org
ICS		Informed Consent Statement	
IDB		Investigator's Drug Brochure	
IDE		Investigational Device Exemption	
IEC		Institutional Ethics Committee/Independent Ethics Committee	
IND		Investigational new Drug	
IRB		Institutional review Board	
JIT		Just in Time (procedure)	
LAR		Legally Authorized Representative	
LCME		Liason committee for medical Education	www.lcme.org
LDS		Limited Data Set	
LTF		Subjects Lost to Follow-Up Subjects	
LTF		Long-Term Facilitation/Long-Term Fellowship	
MPA		Multiple Projects Assurance	
MSO		Medical Staff Office	
NABTC		North American Brain tumor consortium	www.nabtc.org
NAIAD		Nerve Agent Immobilized Enzyme Alarm & Detector	
NAIM		National Association of IRB Managers	www.naim.org
NBAC		National Bioethics Advisory Commission	www.bioethics.gov
NCCTG		North Central Cancer Treatment Group	http://ncctg.mayo.edu
NCI		National Cancer Institute	www.nci.nih/gov
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	
NDA		New Drug Application	
NHIS		National Health Interview Survey	
NHRPAC		National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee	http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/nhrpac/nhrpac.htm
NIA		Nonaffiliated Inestigator Agreement	
NIH		National Institutes of Health	www.nih.gov
NRC		National Research Council	
NSR		Non Significant Risk	
OCR		Office of Civil Liverties	www.hhs.gov/ocr/lep
OHRP		Office of Human Research Protections	http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/index.html
OIG		Office of Inspector General	

OLES		Open Label Extension Studies	
OPRR		Office for Protection from Research Risks	http://ohsr.od.nih.gov/whatohrp.php3
ORA		Office of Regulatory Affairs/Office of Research Administration	www.fda.gov/ora/
ORCA		Office fof Research Compliance & Assurance	www.va.gov/orca
ORES		Office of Research Ethiscs and Standards	
ORI		Office for Research Integrity	http://ori.dhhs.gov
ORSP		Office of Research Subject Protection	
OSHA		Occupational Safety and Health Administration	www.osha.gov
P&P		Policies and Procedures	
PCP		Primary Care Physician	
PD		Program Director	
PDUFA		Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992	
PHI		Private Healthcare Information/Public Health Information/Protection health Information.	
PHS		Public Health Service	www.hhs.gov/phs
PI		Primary Investigator	
PMA		Pre market approval	
PMA		Project manager	
POA		Power of Attorney	
POG		Pediatric Oncology Group	
PPRA		Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment	www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfs/waisidz_00/34cfr98_00.html
PRIM&R		Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research	www.primr.org
QA		Quality Assurance	
QC		Quality Control	
QI		Quality Improvement	
QIC		Quality Improvement Committee	
QIP		Quality Improvement Program	
QOL		Quality of Life	
RAC		Recombinant-DNA Advisory Committee	
RAPS		Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society	www.raps.org
RCO		Regulatory Compliance Officer	
RCR		Responsible Conduct of Research	
RCT		Randomized control Trial	
REB		Research Ethics Board	
RFP		Request for Proposal	
RRA		Regulatory Research Associate	
RTOG		Radiation Therapy Oncology Group	www.rtog.org

SAE		Serious Adverse Event	
SAP		Suspect Adverse Reaction	
WBIR		Small business Innovative Research	
SC		Study coordinator	
SIDCER		Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review	www.sidcer.net
SMO		Site Management Organization	
SOP		Standard Operating Procedure	
SPA		Single Project Assurance	
SRC		Safety Report/Significant Risk	
SRC		Scientific Review Committee	
SRO		Sponsored Research Office	
TCPS		Tri-Council Policy Statement	www.nserc.ca/programs/ethics/english/policy.htm
USPHS		United States Public Health Service	www.hhs.gov/phs
WHI		Women's Health Initiative	www.nhibi.nih.gov/whi
WMA		World Medical Association	www.wma.net/e/home.html