

# Frequently Used Acronyms & Abbreviations

**North West Local Health Integration Network**

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# Acronyms

## A

ABI	- Acquired Brain Injury
ABP	- Annual Bursaries Plan
ACCD	- Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases
ACLS	- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
ACMOH	- Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health
ACPEWC	- Actual Cost per Equivalent Weighted Case
ACTH	- Association of Canadian Teaching Hospitals
ACW	- Ambulatory Care Weights
ADM	- Assistant Deputy Minister
ADP	- Assistive Devices Program
ADT	- Admission Discharge Transfer
AFA	- Alternative Funding Agreement
AFP	- Alternate Funding Program/Plans
AHAC	- Aboriginal Health Access Centres
AHSC	- Academic Health Science Centre
AHTF	- Aboriginal Health Transition Fund
AHWS	- Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy
ALC	- Alternate Level of Care
ALOS	- Average Length of Stay
AMA	- American Medical Association
AMO	- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
APP	- Alternative Payment Program/Plan
APTS	- Allocation and Payment Tracking System
ARF	- Addiction Research Foundation
ARR	- Annual Reconciliation Report
ASD	- Acute Services Division (of MOHLTC)
ASP	- Annual Service Plan
ATLS	- Advanced Trauma Life Support

## B

BCLS	- Basic Cardiac Life Support
BISNO	- Brain Injury Services of Northern Ontario

## C

CACL	- Canadian Association for Community Living
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CAHO	- Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (Formerly OCOTH)
CAMH	- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
CAO	- Caregivers' Association of Ontario
CAPS	- Community Annual Planning Submission
CARP	- Canadian Association of Retired Persons
CAS	- Children's Aid Society
CAT	- Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT) scan (Also CT Scan)
CAW	- Canadian Auto Workers
CBS	- Canadian Blood Services
CCAC	- Community Care Access Centre
CCC	- Complex Continuing Care
CCHSA	- Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation
CCHSE	- Canadian College of Health Service Executives
CCIM	- Community Care Information Management
CCN	- Cardiac Care Network
CCO	- Cancer Care Ontario
CCS	- Canadian Cancer Society, The
CCU	- Coronary Care Unit (Also Cardiac Care Unit)
CCU	- Critical Care Unit
CDA	- Canadian Diabetes Association
CDC	- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S.A.)
CDPM	- Chronic Disease Prevention and Management
CDS	- Core Data Set
CEISS	- Centre of Excellence for Integrated Seniors' Services
CEO	- Chief Executive Officer
CERAH	- Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health (Lakehead University)
CFCS	- Children, Family and Community Services (Division)
CFMA	- Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act (2004)
CFO	- Chief Financial Officer
CFPC	- College of Family Physicians of Canada
CHA	- Canadian Hospital Association
CHAC	- Catholic Health Association of Canada
CHC	- Community Health Centre
CHCA	- Canadian Home Care Association
CHCO	- Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario
CHE	- Certified Health Executive
CHEPA	- Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis
CHI	- Canada Health Infoway
CHO	- Comprehensive Health Organization
CHSRF	- Canadian Health Services Research Foundation
CIHI	- Canadian Institute for Health Information
CIHR	- Canadian Institutes of Health Research
CIO	- Chief Information Officer
CMA	- Canadian Medical Association

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CME	- Continuing Medical Education
CMHA	- Canadian Mental Health Association
CMHP	- Community Mental Health Programs
CMI	- Case Mix Index
CMOH	- Chief Medical Officer of Health
CMS/CDS	- Clinical Management System/Case Data Set
CNIB	- Canadian National Institute for the Blind
CNO	- Chief Nursing Officer
CNS	- Clinical Nurse Specialist
COPD	- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
COS	- Chief of Staff
CPSB	- Capital Planning and Strategies Branch
CPSO	- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
CQI	- Continuous Quality Improvement
CRANHR	- Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (Lakehead University)
CSS	- Community Support Services
CT	- Computerized Axial Tomography
CTAS	- Canadian Triage Acuity Scale
CTC	- Children's Treatment Centres
CTO	- Community Treatment Orders
CUPE	- Canadian Union of Public Employees

## D

DAD	- Discharge Abstract Database
DDS	- Doctor of Dental Surgery
DEC	- Diabetes Education Centre
DHC	- District Health Council (Former)
DM	- Deputy Minister
DNR	- Do Not Resuscitate
DON	- Director of Nursing

## E

EAP	- Employee Assistance Program
ECG	- Electrocardiogram
ED	- Emergency Department
EDCDP	- Emergency Department Coverage Demonstration Project
ED P4R	- Emergency Department Pay for Results
EDPIP	- Department Performance Improvement Program
EDRS	- Emergency Department Reporting System
EENT	- Ears, Eyes, Nose, Throat
eHO	- eHealth Ontario

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EHR	- Electronic Health Record
EHS	- Emergency Health Services
EHT	- Employer Health Tax
ELD CAP Beds	- Elderly Capital Assistance Program Beds
EMAT	- Emergency Medical Assistance Team
EMR	- Electronic Medical Record
EMS	- Emergency Medical Services
ENT	- Ears, Nose and Throat (Otorhinolaryngology)
EOL	- End Of Life
ER	- Emergency Room
ESA	- Employment Standards Act

## F

FCM	- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
FFS	- Fee-For-Service
FHG	- Family Health Groups
FHT	- Family Health Team
FIPPA	- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
FLHS	- French Language Health Services
FLO	- The FLO Collaborative is a quality improvement initiative led by the Centre for Healthcare Quality Improvement (CHQI)
FMB	- Financial Management Branch
FNIHB	- First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
FOI	- Freedom of Information
FP	- Family Physician/Practitioner
FTE	- Full-time Equivalent

## G

GAAP	- Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAAS	- Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
GAPPS	- Getting Appropriate Personal and Professional Support
GHC	- Group Health Centre
GP	- General Practitioner
GRE	- Government Reporting Entity
GTA	- Greater Toronto Area

## H

HAAs	- Hospital Accountability Agreements
HAPS	- Hospital Accountability Planning Submissions

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HBAM	- Health Based Allocation Model
HBHC	- Healthy Babies, Healthy Children
HC	- Health Canada
HCA	- Health Care Aide
HCIB	- Health Capital Investment Branch
HCW	- Health Care Workers
HFO	- HealthForceOntario
HHR	- Health Human Resources
HIRF	- Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund
HMO	- Health Maintenance Organization (U.S.A.)
HOOPP	- Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan
HPAC	- Health Professionals Advisory Committee
HPPA	- Health Protection and Promotion Act
HPRAC	- Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council
HRT	- Health Results Team
H-SAA	- Hospital Service Accountability Agreement
HSIE	- Health Systems Information Exchange
HSIP	- Health Services Improvement Plan (LHIN)
HSMR	- Hospital Standardized Mortality Rate
HSO	- Health Service Organization
HSP	- Health Service Provider
HSRC	- Health Services Restructuring Commission

## I

IADL	- Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
ICD9	- International Classification of Diseases, 9 <sup>th</sup> revision
ICD10	- International Classification of Diseases, 10 <sup>th</sup> revision
ICES	- Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (Ontario)
ICT	- Information & Communications Technology
ICU	- Intensive Care Unit
IFRS	- Information Financial Reporting Standards
IHF	- Independent Health Facility
IHI	- Institute of Healthcare Improvements
IHSP	- Integrated Health Service Plan
INAC	- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
IPBA	- Integrated Population Based Allocation
IPC	- Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario
IS	- Information Systems
ISNC	- Integrated Services for Northern Children
IT	- Information Technology

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## J

JHSC - Joint Health and Safety Committee

## K

K-Net - Kuhkenah Network  
KO - Keewaytinook Okimakenak  
KOTM - KO Telemedicine

## L

LAP - Local Area Plan  
LAPS - Long-Term Care Accountability Planning Submission  
LEAN - Lean is an integrated system of principles, practices, tools, and techniques focused on reducing waste, synchronizing work flows, and managing variability in production flows. An important distinction in LEAN is between value- and non-value-added activities. Value-added activities contribute to what the customer wants from a product or service (George, 2003).  
LHIN - Local Health Integration Network  
LHINC - LHIN Collaborative  
LHSIA - Local Health System Integration Act  
LLB - LHIN Liaison Branch  
LMIS - Laboratory Management Information System  
LOS - Length of Stay  
LSAA - Long-Term Care Homes Service Accountability Agreement  
LSSO - LHIN Shared Services Office  
LTC - Long-Term Care  
LTD - Long-Term Disability  
LWDH - Lake of the Woods District Hospital

## M

MAC - Medical Advisory Committee

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MB	- Management Board
MBC	- Management Board of Cabinet
MCSS	- Ministry of Community and Social Services
MCYS	- Ministry of Children and Youth Services
MH	- Mental Health
MH&A	- Mental Health & Addictions
MHITF	- Mental Health Implementation Task Force
MIKE	- Managed Information and Knowledge Exchange
MIS	- Management Information System
MCAA	- Ministry – LHIN Accountability Agreement
MMC	- Ministry Management Committee
MMWR	- Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report
MNDM	- Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
MNO	- Métis Nation of Ontario
MOH	- Medical Officer of Health
MOHLTC	- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
MOU	- Memorandum of Understanding
MOW	- Meals on Wheels
MP	- Member of Parliament
MPP	- Member of Provincial Parliament
MRC	- Medical Review Committee (of CPSO)
MRI	- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MSA	- Multi-Service Agency
M-SAA	- Multi Sectoral Accountability Agreement
MSB	- Management Support Branch
MTCU	- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
MYF	- Multi-Year Funding
MYP	- Multi-Year Plan

## N

N/A	- Not Available
NACRS	- National Ambulatory Care Reporting System
NAN	- Nishnawbe Aski Nation
NCHS	- National Center for Health Statistics
NDHN	- Northern Diabetes Health Network
NFP	- Not For Profit
NH	- Nursing Home
NICHE	- Northern Interprofessional Collaboration for Health Education
NIH	- National Institutes of Health
NIOSH	- National Institute for Occupational Health & Safety
NOMA	- Northern Ontario Municipal Association
NOSM	- Northern Ontario School of Medicine
NP	- Nurse Practitioner

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NPHS - National Population Health Survey  
NPO - Non Profit Organization  
NW - North West

## O

OACCAC - Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres  
OACL - Ontario Association for Community Living  
OANHSS - Ontario Association for Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors  
OB-GYN - Obstetrics-Gynaecology  
OCFP - Ontario College of Family Physicians  
OCSA - Ontario Community Support Association  
ODB - Ontario Drug Benefits  
ODS - Ontario Diabetes Strategy  
OHA - Ontario Hospital Association  
OHHCPA - Ontario Home Health Care Providers' Association  
OHIMA - Ontario Health Information Management Association  
OHIP - Ontario Health Insurance Program  
OHPA - Ontario Health Providers Alliance  
OHPIP - Ontario Health Pandemic Influenza Planning  
OHQC - Ontario Health Quality Council  
OHRS - Ontario Health Reporting System  
OHS - Occupational Health Services  
OLIS - Ontario Laboratory Information System  
OLTCA - Ontario Long Term Care Association  
OMA - Ontario Medical Association  
ONA - Ontario Nurses' Association  
ONTLA - Ontario Legislature  
OPSEU - Ontario Public Service Employees Union  
ORNGE - Ontario's Provider of Aero Medical Transport  
OT - Occupational Therapy/Therapist  
OTN - Ontario Telemedicine Network

## P

PAIRO - Professional Association of Interns and Residents of Ontario  
PDST - Planning Decision Support Tool  
PET - Positron Emission Tomography  
PHA - Public Hospitals Act  
PHIPA - Personal Health Information Protection Act  
PHPDB - Provincial Health Planning Database  
PHU - Public Health Unit

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PIPEDA	- Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act
PMO	- Program Management Office
POC	- Point of Care
PSAB	- Public Sector Accounting Board
PSLRTA	- Public Sector Transition Stability Act (1997)
PSW	- Personal Support Worker
PT	- Physiotherapist / Physiotherapy / Physical Therapy

## Q

QCIPA	- Quality of Care Information Protection Act
QIIP	- Quality Improvement and Innovation Partnership

## R

RAZ	- Rapid Assessment Zone
RCPSC	- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
RFP	- Request for Proposal
RHPA	- Regulated Health Professions Act
RIW	- Resource Intensity Weights
RLMCMH	- Red Lake Margaret Cochenour Memorial Hospital
RM	- Risk Management
RN	- Registered Nurse
RN-EC	- Registered Nurse Extended Class
RNAO	- Registered Nurses Association of Ontario
RPN	- Registered Practical Nurse
ROMA	- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

## S

SAA	- Service Accountability Agreement
SARS	- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SEIU	- Service Employees' International Union
SJCG	- St. Joseph's Care Group
SLP	- Speech-Language Pathologist
SRN	- Small, Rural and Northern Hospitals
SSHA	- Smart Systems for Health Agency
STD	- Short-Term Disability
SWOT	- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

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## T

TBA	- To Be Announced
TBD	- To Be Determined
TBRHSC	- Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre
TQM	- Total Quality Management

## U

UAP	- Underserviced Area Program
UHN	- University Health Network

## V

VON	- Victorian Order of Nurses
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## W

WERS	- Web Enabled Reporting System
WHIMIS	- Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (Health and Safety Program)
WHO	- World Health Organization
WSIB	- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
WTIS	- Wait Time Information System
WTS	- Wait Time Strategy

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