

Acronym	Definition
A&D	Alcohol and Drug
A&E	Accident and Emergency
AAU	Acute Assessment Unit
ABR	Auditory Brainstem Response
ACA	Access Criteria for First Specialist Assessment
ACC	Accident Compensation Corporation
ACEM	Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
ACHS	The Australasian College on Healthcare Standards
ACP	Advanced Care Planning
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome
AD	Active Directory
ADHB	Auckland District Health Board
ADMS	Acute Demand Management Services
ADT	Admissions, Discharges & Transfers
ALAC	Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand
ALOS	Average length of stay
ALSL	Allied Laundry Services Limited
ALT	Alliance Leadership Team
AMT	Alliance Management Team
ANZACS QI	All New Zealand Acute Coronary Syndrome Quality Improvement
AOD	Alcohol and Other Drugs
AoG	All of Government
AP	Annual Plan or Asset Plan
ARC	Aged Residential Care
ARRC	Age-Related Residential Care
ASH	Ambulatory sensitive hospitalisations
ASMS	Association of Salaried Medical Specialists
AT&R	Assessment, Treatment & Rehabilitation
aTT	Actual Treatment Threshold
B4SC	Before School Checks
Badgernet	Brand name for maternity patient information system used by MDHB
BAU	Business as Usual
BFHI	Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
BI	Business Improvement
BIP	Business Improvement Plan
BMI	Body Mass Index

BoP DHB	Bay of Plenty District Health Board
BSA	BreastScreen Aotearoa
BSC	Balanced Scorecard
BSCC	Breast Screen Coast to Coast
BSI	Blood Stream Infection
BSMC	Better, Sooner, More Convenient
Ca	Cancer
cA	centralAlliance
CAFS	Child, Adolescent and Family (Mental Health) Services
CAOH	Child Adolescent Oral Health Service
CAP	Children's Action Plan
CAPA	Choice and Partnership Approach
Capex	Capital Expenditure
CAT	Crisis Assessment Team (Mental Health)
CATH Lab	Catheterization Laboratory
CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis
CC	Clinical Council or Consumer Council
CCDHB	Capital & Coast District Health Board
CCDM	Care Capacity Demand Management
CCMAU	Crown Company Monitoring Advisory Unit
CCoA	(DHB) Common Chart of Accounts
CCP	Contribution for Cost Pressures
CCU	Coronary Care Unit
CD	Clinical Director
CDEM	Civil Defence Emergency Management (plan)
CDHB	Canterbury District Health Board
CE Act	Crown Entities Act 2004
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEP	Capital Expenditure Plan
CFA	Crown Funding Agreement
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CGF	Clinical Governance Framework
CHA	Comprehensive Health Assessment
CHIPS	Community Health Information Processing System
CIC	Capital Investment Committee
CID	Core Information Database
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CLAB	Central Line Acquired Bacteraemia

CLC	Clinical Leadership Council
CMDHB	Counties-Manakau District Health Board
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
CNC	Clinical Nurse Co-ordinator
CNE	Clinical Nurse Educator
CNS	Clinical Nurse Specialist or Central Nervous System
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CORD	Chronic Obstructive Respiratory Disease
CPA	Central Patient Administration
CPAC	Clinical Priority and Assessment Criteria
CPHAC	Community and Public Health Advisory Committee (of the Board)
CPHO	Central Primary Health Organisation
CPO	Controlled Purchase Operation
CRISP	Central Region Information Systems Plan
CRMHAN	Central Region's Mental Health and Addictions Network
CRTAS	Central Region's Technical Advisory Services Limited (also TAS)
CSSD	Central Sterile Supply Department
CT	Computer Tomography
CT Scan	Computerised Axial Tomography Scan
CTA	Central Training Agency
CTAS	Central Region's Technical Advisory Services (also CRTAS & TAS)
cTT	Commitment Threshold
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease
CVDRA	Cardiovascular Disease Risk Assessment
CWD	Cost Weighted Discharge
CWDs	Cost Weighted Discharges
CYPFS	Children Young Persons and their Families Service
DAA	Designated Auditing Agency
DAB	Digital Advisory Board
DAMHS	Director of Area Mental Health Services
DCIP	Diabetes Care Improvement Plan
DDG	Deputy Director-General of Health
DG	Director-General Of Health
DHB	District Health Board
DHBNZ	District Health Boards of New Zealand Incorporated
DHBSS	District Health Boards Shared Services

DLC	Diabetes Lifestyle Centre
DMFT	Decayed, Missing or Filled Teeth
DMG	District Management Group
DN	District Nurse
DNA	Did Not Attend
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate
DoD	District Health Board of Domicile
DON	Director of Nursing
DoS	District Health Board of Service
DOSA	Day of Surgery Admission
DRC	Direct Retail Centre
DRG	Diagnostic Related Group
DSA	Digital Subtraction Angiography
DSAC	Disability Support Advisory Committee (of the Board)
DSD	Disability Services Directorate (of the Ministry of Health)
DSM(IV)	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – Fourth Edition
DSP	Draft Strategic Plan
DSS	Disability Support Services
EAG	Ethics Advisory Group
EASIE	Equipment Advise Services Information Education
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ECP	Emergency Contraception Pill
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy
ED	Emergency Department
EDOA	Emergency Department Observation Area
EECA	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunities
EI	Elective Initiative
ELT	Executive Leadership Team
EN	Enrolled Nurse
ENT	Ear Nose & Throat
ENZ	Enable New Zealand
ENZGG	Enable New Zealand Governance Group
EoI	Expression of Interest
EpiQual	Epidemiology and Quality Assurance Advisory Committee
EQI	Endoscopy Quality Improvement
EQUIP4	Evaluation & Quality Improvement Programme, Version 4
ESPI	Elective Service Patient Flow Indicators
ESR	Environmental Science and Research Limited

ESRF	End State Renal Failure
FACEM	Fellow of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine
FACS	Facilitated Access to Co-ordinated Care Service
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
FCT	Faster Cancer Treatment
FD	Funding Division
FFE	Forecast Financial Expectations
FF&E	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment
FFT	Future Funding Track
FMIS	Financial Management Information System
FPSC	Finance, Procurement and Supply Chain
FRAC	Finance, Risk & Audit Committee
FRS	Financial Reporting Standards
FSA	First Specialist Assessment
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
FVIC	Family Violence Intervention Co-ordinator
FVPTL	Fair Value through Profit or Loss
GMCS&T	General Manager, Clinical Services & Transformation
GMPC	General Manager, People & Culture
GMS	General Medical Subsidy
GMSSP	General Manager, Strategy, Planning & Performance
GP	General Practitioner
GPSI	General Practitioner Special Interest
GPT	General Practice Team
GRS	Global Rating Scale
GS1	Global Standards
GST	Goods & Services Tax
H&S	Health and Safety
hA	Health Alliance
HaaG	Hospital at a Glance
HABSI	Hospital Acquired Blood Stream Infection
HAC	Hospital Advisory Committee (of the Board)
HBDHB	Hawke's Bay District Health Board
HBI	Hospital Benchmarking Information
HBL	Health Benefits Limited
HBSS	Home Based Support Services
HC	Health Charter
HCA	Health Care Assistant
HCAC	Healthy Communities Advisory Committee
HDC	Health and Disability Commission(er)

HDSS	Health and Disability Sector Standards
HDU	High Dependency Unit
HealthPAC	Health Payments, Agreements and Compliance (of the Ministry of Health)
HEADSS	Home and environment, Education/employment/eating/exercise, Activity/relationships, Drugs/depression/mood, Sexuality/safety & Spirituality
HEHA	Healthy Eating – Healthy Action
HHS	Hospital and Health Services
HIIRC	Health Improvement and Innovation Resource Centre
HIN	Health Information Network
HIPC	Health Information Privacy Code
HIS-NZ	Health Information Strategy for New Zealand
HISO	Health Information Standards Organisation (of MoH)
HITH	Hospital in the Home
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HNA	Health Needs Assessment
Homer	Brand name for patient management information system used by MidCentral Health
HoNOS	Health of the Nation Outcome Scale
HOP	Health of Older People
HPCA	Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
HPDT	Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal
HPI	Health Practitioners Index
HPL	New Zealand Health Partnerships Limited
HPO	Health Protection Officer
HPS	Health Promoting Schools
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
HQSC	Health Quality & Safety Commission
HR	Human Resources
HRC	Health Research Council (of New Zealand)
HRIS	Human Resource Information System
HRT	Hormone Replacement Therapy
HSA	Health Services Association
HTML	Hyper-text Mark-Up Language
HVDHB	Hutt Valley District Health Board
HWAC	Health Workforce Advisory Committee
HWNZ	Health Workforce New Zealand
IANZ	International Accreditation New Zealand
IBC	Indicative Business Case
IC(&)T	Information, Communications, (and) Technology

ICANS	Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand
ICD	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems
ICD10	International Classification of Diseases, Version 10
ICO	Integrated Care Organisation
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
ID	Intellectual Disability
IDCC	Interest, Depreciation and Capital Charge
IDFs	Inter-district Flows
IDPs	Indicators of District Health Board Performance
IEA	Individual Employment Agreement
IFHC	Integrated Family Health Centre
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards
ILG	Information Liaison Group (Ministry of Health and DHBs)
ILS	Auckland Independent Living Services
iLTCF	InterRAI Long Term Care Facility Assessment
InterRAI	International Resident Assessment Instrument
IPA	Independent Practitioners' Association
IS	Information System
ISO	International Standards Organisation
ISSP	Information Systems Strategic Plan
IT	Information Technology
IV	Intravenous
KAP Report	The Health Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of the Residents of MidCentral District Health Board Report
KHC	Kauri Health Centre
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
KRA	Key Result Area
LA (1, 2 or 3)	Linear Accelerator (also Linac)
LAN	Local Area Network
LCP	Liverpool Care of the Dying Pathway
Linac	Linear Accelerator (also LA 1, 2 or 3)
LINZ	Land Information New Zealand
LMC	Lead Maternity Carer
LOS	Length of Stay
LSCS	Lower Segment Caesarean Section
LTC	Long Term Conditions
LTHSP	Long Term Health Sector Plan
LTIP	Long Term Investment Plan

LTSA	Land Transport Safety Authority
LREG	Local RMO Engagement Group
MAPU	Medical Assessment & Planning Unit
MASH	Manawatu Accommodation and Sheltered Housing
MAU	Medical Assessment Unit
MCH	MidCentral Health
MCIS	Maternity Clinical Information System (also known by its brand name, Badgernet)
MD	Multi-disciplinary or Medical Director
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category
MDHB	MidCentral District Health Board
MDO	Maori Development Organisation
MECA	Multi Employer Collective Agreement
MED	Ministry of Economic Development
MEDLAB	Medical Laboratory
Medsafe	New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority
MeNZB™	Meningococcal B
MH	Manawhenua Hauora
MHAN	Mental Health & Addiction Network
MH(CAT)Act	Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992
MHC	Mental Health Commission
MHINC	Mental Health Information National Collection
MHP	Maori Health Plan
MHSAE	Mental Health Serious Adverse Events
MHSP	Master Health Services Plan
MIF	Monitoring Intervention Framework
MIPA	Manawatu Independent Practice Association
MLC	Multi Leaf Collimator
MMPC	MidCentral Midwifery Practice Committee
MoH	Ministry of Health
MOH	Medical Officer of Health
MOSAIQ	Brand name for a radiation oncology patient information management system
MOSS	Medical Officer of Special Scale
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MQSP	Maternity Quality and Safety Programme
MRC	Medicines Review Committee
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus

MRT	Medical Radiation Technologist
MSD	Ministry of Social Development
MSO	Management Services Organisation
MTD	Month to Date
MUR	Medicines Utilisation Review
MWS	Medical Warning System
NASC	Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination
NBRS	National Booking Reporting System
NCPAS	National Child Protection Alerts System
NCSP	National Cervical Screening Programme
NDAB	National Digital Advisory Board
NDHB	Northland District Health Board
NFIS	National Fluoridation Information Service
NGO	Non Government Organisation
NHB	National Health Board
NHB	National Health Board
NHC	National Health Committee
NHI	National Health Index
NHITB	National Health Information Technology Board
NICU	Neonatal/Newborn Intensive Care Unit
NIP	National Infrastructure Platform
NIR	National Immunisation Register
NMDHB	Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board
NMDS	National Minimum Data Set
NNPAC	National Non-Admitted Patient Collection
NNU	Neo Natal Unit
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPI	National Provider Index
NPV	Net Present Value
NREG	National RMO Engagement Group
NRL	National Radiation Laboratory
NRT	Nicotine Replacement Therapy
NSF	National Service Framework
NSTR	National Service and Technology Review Sub-Committee (of MoH)
NSU	National Screening Unit
NZBS	New Zealand Blood Service
NZD	New Zealand Dollar
NZDep2001	New Zealand Index of Deprivation 2001
NZDep96	New Zealand Index of Deprivation 1996
NZDS	New Zealand Disability Strategy

NZFSA	New Zealand Food Safety Authority
NZGG	New Zealand Guidelines Group
NZHIS	New Zealand Health Information Service
NZHPL	National Health Partnerships Limited
NZHS	New Zealand Health Strategy
NZHTA	New Zealand Health Technology Assessment
NZMA	New Zealand Medical Association
NZNO	New Zealand Nurses Organisation
NZPHD Act	New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act, 2000
NZQHS	New Zealand Quality Health Standards
NZSL	New Zealand Sign Language
O&G	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
OAG	Office of the Auditor General
ODI	Office for Disability Issues
ODP	Organisational Development Plan
ODTP	Organisation Development and Transformation Plan
OIA	Official Information Act
OIC	Order In Council
OMF	Oral Maxillo Facial
OOS	Occupational Overuse Syndrome
OPD	Outpatient Department
OPF	Operational Policy Framework
ORL	Otorhinolaryngology (Ear, Nose, Throat – also ENT)
OSH	Occupational Safety and Health
OT	Occupational Therapy
P&L	Profit and Loss
PABX	Private Automatic Branch Exchange
PACS	Picture Archive Communication System
PAM	Performance Assessment and Management Steering Group (MoH)
PAS	Patient Administration System
PAVS	Provider Arm Volume Schedule (also PVS)
PBFF	Population based funding formula(e)
PBX	Private Branch Exchange
PC	Personal Computer
PDF	Portable Data Format
PDRP	Professional Development and Recognition Programme (Nursing)
PDSA	Plan, Do, Study, Act
PEDAL	Post Emergency Department Assessment & Liaison Service
PEDS	Pathway A Developmental Surveillance
PEEU	Pay Equity in Employment Unit (of Department of Labour)

PET	Primary Emission Tomography
PFA	Public Finance Act
PHARMAC	Pharmaceutical Management Agency
PHC	Primary Health Care
PHI	Public Health Intelligence (unit of the Ministry of Health)
PHN	Public Health Nurse
PHO	Primary Health Organisation
PHS	Public Health Service
PHU	Public Health Unit
PIMS	Patient Information Management System
PMHI	Primary Mental Health Initiative
PNCC	Palmerston North City Council
PNH	Palmerston North Hospital
POAC	Primary Options for Acute Care
PoTs	Packages of Temporary Support
PRIMHD	Programme for the Integration of Mental Health Data
PPU	Planning and Performance Unit
PQ	Parliamentary Question
PSA	Public Service Association
PSAAP	PHO Service Agreement Protocol
Q&EAC	Quality & Excellence Advisory Committee
QHNZ	Quality Health New Zealand
QLHLWC	Quality Living, Healthy Lives, Well Communities
R@H	Recovery at Home
RANZCP	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
RC	Responsibility Centre
RCIN	Regional Clinical Information Network
RCSP	Regional Clinical Services Plan
RCTS	Regional Cancer Treatment Service
RDA	Resident Doctors Association
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RHIP	Regional Health Informatics Programme
RIN	Regional Inter-Agency Network
RIS	Radiology Information System
RLC	Regional Leadership Committee
RMO	Resident Medical Officer
RN	Registered Nurse
RoI	Registration of Interest
ROI	Return on Investment

RRC	RCSP Regional Committee
RSG	Regional Steering Group
RSI	Repetitive Strain Injury
RSP	Regional Services Plan
RT	Radiation Therapist
RTC	Releasing Time to Care
RTL	Round Trip Logistics
SAE	Serious Adverse Events
SAN	Storage Area Network
SAPU	Surgical Assessment & Planning Unit
SBHS	School Based Health Services
SCBU	Special Care Baby Unit
SCDHB	South Canterbury District Health Board
SCGG	Strategic Capital Governance Group
SCI	Sector Capability & Innovation
SCS	Service Coverage Schedule
SDHB	Southern District Health Board
SDRs	Standardised Discharge Ratios
SF	Strategic Framework
SFPD	Sector Funding and Performance Directorate (of the Ministry of Health)
SHO	Senior House Officer
SITG	Strategic Imperative Taskforce Group
SIDU	Service Integration and Development Unit
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SMO	Senior Medical Officer
SMRs	Standardised Mortality Ratios
SOI	Statement of Intent
SP	Strategic Plan
SPE	Statement of Performance Expectations
SPNIA	Service Planning and New Health Intervention Assessment
SPOE	Single Point of Entry
SSA	Shared Service Agency
SSC	State Services Commission
SSP	Statement of Service Performance
SSU	Sterile Supply Unit
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
STV	Single Transferable Vote
SUDI	Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy
SW	Social Work(er)
SWOT	Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities & Threats

TAS	Central Region's Technical Advisory Services Limited (also CRTAS)
TCU	Transitory Care Unit
TELARC	Testing Laboratory Registration Council
TIA	Transient Ischaemic Attack
TIPA	Tararua Independent Practitioners' Association
TLA	Territorial Local Authority
TOAM	Te Ohu Auahi Mutunga
TOP	Termination of Pregnancy
TOR	Terms of Reference
TPK	Te Puni Kokiri
UCC	Urgent Community Care
VfM	Value for Money
VIP	Violence Intervention Programme
VLCA	Very Low Cost Access
UPS	Uninterrupted Power Supply
WACC	Weighted Average Cost of Capital
WAN	Wide Area Network
WAP	Workforce Action Plan
WAVE Project	Working to Add Value through E-Information
WCTO	Well Child/Tamariki Ora
WDHB	Whanganui District Health Board
WebPAS	Web-based patient administration system
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WIAS	Walking in Another's Shoes
WIPA	Wellington Independent Practitioners' Association
YOSS	Youth One Stop Shop
YTD	Year to Date