

## Pharmacy Technician I/II: Glossary of Acronyms

ACPE	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
APhA	American Pharmacist Association
ASAM	American Society of Addiction Medicine
ASHP	American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists
BLS	basic life support
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPS	child protective services
CAN	certified nurse aide
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
DAW	dispense-as-written
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
DME	durable medical equipment
DNR order	do-not-resuscitate order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPO	Exclusive Provider Organization
ExCPT	Exam Certified Phlebotomy Technician
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
HAZMAT	hazardous materials
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization

HSA	Health Savings Account
IASP	International Association for the Study of Pain
IOM	Institute of Medicine
ISMP	Institute for Safe Medication Practices
IV	intravenous
LASA	look-alike, sound-alike drugs
LPN	licensed practical nurse
MAC	maximum allowable cost
mEq	milliequivalent
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus
MTM	Medication Therapy Management
NABP	National Association Boards of Pharmacy
NCC MERP	National Coordination Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention
NDC	National Drug Code
NHA	National Healthcareer Association
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NPI	National Plan Identifier
NPTA	American Pharmacy Technician Association
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
otc	over the counter
PAR	participating provider
PBM	Pharmacy Benefits Manager

PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home
PDR	<i>Physicians' Desk Reference</i>
PHI	patient-protected health information
PMR	professional medical representatives
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
POS	Point of Service Plan
PPE	personal protective equipment
PSC	product selection codes
PTCB	Pharmacy Technician Certification Board
PTCE	Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam
REMS	Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy
RN	registered nurse
RNA	ribonucleic acid
SDS	safety data sheet
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
TJC	The Joint Commission
UCR	usual, customary, and reasonable price
USFDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration's
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
USP-NF	<i>United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary</i>

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