

Appendix D: Acronyms and Abbreviations

AMA	American Medical Association	GP	General practitioner
CEO	Chief executive officer	HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration (DHHS)
CHFC	California Health Facilities Commission	HMO	Health maintenance organization
CNAM-TS	Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Maladie des Travailleurs Salaries (National Insurance Association For Salaried Employees, France)	JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
CNIL	Commission Nationale de L'Informatique et des Libertes (France)	JEIDA	Japan Electronics Industry Development Association
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985	KV	Kassenartzliche Vereinigung (Germany)
CPS	Current Population Survey (Census Bureau)	LPN	Licensed practical nurse
CPU	Central processing unit (microprocessor)	NEC (n.e.c.)	Not elsewhere classified
DHA	District Health Authorities (England)	NEJM	New England Journal of Medicine
DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	NHA	National health accounts
FMF	Federation of Mutual Insurance Companies of France	NHS	National Health Service (England)
FPC	Family Practice Committees (England)	OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
FTE	Full-time Equivalent	OTA	Office of Technology Assessment (U.S. Congress)
GAO	General Accounting Office (U.S. Congress)	PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card International Association
GDP	Gross domestic product	PPP	Purchasing power parity
		ProPAC	Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (U.S. Congress)
		R&D	Research and development
		RN	Registered nurse
		SOC	Standard Occupational Code
		WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange