

Health Jargon Buster

An A to Z guide



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Bringing medicines to *life*

Scotland

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The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) represents innovative research-based biopharmaceutical companies, large, medium and small, leading an exciting new era of biosciences in the UK.

Our industry, a major contributor to the economy of the UK, brings life-saving and life-enhancing medicines to patients.

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As we've all seen over the last year, medicines and vaccines are transforming our lives like never before. Our members have worked collaboratively and collectively to speed up the development and delivery of vaccines and treatments to address the pandemic, whilst continuing to supply cutting edge treatments that improve and save the lives of millions of people.

Creating an NHS 'fit for the future' is about embracing cutting edge technology so all patients in Scotland have access to world-class standards of care and disease prevention. We hope that this health jargon buster will help you translate the confusing array of acronyms used in the healthcare field.

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ABPI	Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
ADTC	Area Drug and Therapeutic Committees
ADTCC	Area Drug and Therapeutic Committee Collaborative
AHP	Allied Health Professionals
AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance
AMRC	Association of Medical Research Charities
AoMRC	Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland
ATMP	Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product

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BDA	British Dental Association
BMA Scotland	British Medical Association Scotland
BNF	British National Formulary

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The ABPI Code of Practice sets out the requirements the industry must comply with and supports companies commitment to self-regulation and to operate in a professional, ethical and transparent manner. Read more about our code, [here](#).

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CART-T	Chimeric Antigen Receptor Therapy
CHI Number	Community Health Index Number
CHI	Community Health Index
CHD	Coronary Heart Disease
CIS	Care Inspectorate Scotland
CMO	Chief Medical Officer Scotland
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CPO	Chief Pharmaceutical Officer Scotland
CPS	Community Pharmacy Scotland
CSO	Chief Scientist Office Scotland

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DHI

Digital Health and Care Innovation Centre

DHSC

UK Department of Health and Social Care

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ABPI believes that the better use of healthcare data can enable the next generation of medicines and vaccines to be developed and used in Scotland. To find out more about our views on the future, please read our industry manifesto [here](#).

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EHS

E-Health Scotland

EPTB

The Effective Prescribing and Therapeutics Branch

EMA

European Medicines Agency

EoL

End of Life Care

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Did you know, the ABPI offers qualifications in the ethical promotion of prescription medicines for industry representatives. The ABPI Exam is mandatory for all medical representatives working for companies who have agreed to abide by the ABPI Code of Practice for the Pharmaceutical Industry. Find out more [here](#).

FAIR

Findable Accessible Interoperable and Reusable

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Disclosure UK is an industry-led initiative to deliver a searchable database that shows payments and benefits in kind made by the pharmaceutical industry to healthcare professionals and organisations in the UK.

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GAVI	Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation
GMC	General Medical Council
GPC	Scottish General Practitioners Committee
GPhC	General Pharmaceutical Council

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In its lifetime Gavi, the vaccine alliance, has protected a generation of children; 760 million of whom are more likely to survive and thrive into adulthood. With a longstanding commitment to Gavi, the UK is well placed to support the international cooperation needed to protect the world from infectious diseases.

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HDR UK

Health Data Research UK

HEPMA

Hospital Electronic Prescribing
and Medicines Administration

HIS

Healthcare Improvement Scotland

HST

Highly Specialised Technologies

HSCS

Health and Social Care Scotland

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ICP	Integrated Care Pathway
ICER	Incremental Cost Effectiveness Ratio
IJB	Integration Joint Health Boards Scotland
ILAP	Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway
IPF	Industry Partnership Forum
IPTR	Individual Patient Treatment Request
ISD	Information Services Division

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In this **short video**, the ABPI team take you through the process of researching, developing and launching a medicine; the time; steps and commitment needed to bring brand new, innovative treatments to people.

JCVI

Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation

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Did you know that the pharmaceutical industry regularly collaborates with the NHS via *joint-working* projects which are designed to benefit the patient, industry and the NHS. If you would like to read more about these projects in Scotland and what is happening in your area, please click **here**.

KSF

Knowledge and Skills Framework Scotland

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Did you know that the pharmaceutical industry in Scotland supports over *15,000 jobs* and contributes over *£2.5bn* in output to the Scottish economy. The full economic impact of the sector is detailed in a recent report from the Fraser of Allander Institute which can be read **here**.

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LHB

Local Health Boards in Scotland

LSILG

Scottish Government Life Sciences Industry
Leadership Group

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There are typically three important phases of a medicine's life cycle. The first is research and development, the second is licencing and the third is patent expiry.

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MAA	Managed Access Agreement
MAS	Medical Appraisal Scotland
MCR	Medicines Care Review Scotland
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
MMR	MMR Vaccine Scotland

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Representing our members, using their insight and experience to tell the story of how they change the lives of millions of people every day, is at the heart of the ABPI's work. Find out who they are [here](#).

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NDC	National Data Catalogue
NA-ATTC	Northern Alliance Advance Therapy Treatment Centre
NHS NRS	NHS National Research Scotland
NHSS	NHS Scotland
NHSNSS	NHS Scotland National Services Scotland
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
NIHR	National Institute for Health Research
NOACs	New Oral Anticoagulants
NSAIDs	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
NMF	New Medicines Fund

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OHE

Office of Health Economics

OLS

Office of Life Science

OTC

Over the counter (medicines)

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ABPI members have responded to the COVID-19 emergency by developing new vaccines to end the pandemic whilst also ensuring the continued supply of medicines to patients. If you would like to learn more about what our members are doing during the pandemic, please click [here](#).

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PACE	Patient and Clinician Engagement process
PACS2	Peer Approved Clinical System Tier 2
PAS	Patient Access Scheme
PASAG	Patient Access Scheme Assessment Group
PHS	Public Health Scotland
POM	Prescription-only Medicines
PPRS	Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme
PREM	Patient Reported Experience Measure
PROM	Patient Reported Outcome Measure

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QALY

Quality-Adjusted Life Year

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Did you know, the Scottish Medicines Consortium uses QALY thresholds to evaluate medicines for cost-effectiveness. Only medicines that are clinically and cost-effective are routinely used within the NHS, which ensures the health service attains value for money.

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R&D	Research & Development
RCoA	Royal College of Anaesthetists Scotland
RCN	Royal College of Nursing Scotland
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RCGP	Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland
RCPE	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
RCSE	Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh
RCPSG	Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow
RSE	Royal Society of Edinburgh
RPSS	Royal Pharmaceutical Society
RSM	Royal Society of Medicine

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SAS	Scottish Ambulance Service
SCRIS	Scottish Cancer Research Intelligence Service
SCVO	Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations
SHARE	Scottish Healthcare Register
SHILAN	Scottish Health and Inequalities Impact Assessment Network
SHTG	Scottish Health Technologies Group
SIGN	Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network
SMC	Scottish Medicines Consortium
SMCNDC	Scottish Medicines Consortium New Drugs Committee
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
SGHSCD	Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate

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TNF

Tumour Necrosis Factor blocking medicines

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Vaccination has saved more lives and prevented more serious diseases than any other advance in recent medical history. It has also enabled the economy to thrive and reduced the burden on the NHS. See why vaccination is crucial to the health of the UK and rest of the world on ABPI's **Valuing Vaccines** website.

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UKCRN

UK Clinical Research Network

UKMi

UK Medicines Information

UO

Ultra-Orphan Pathway

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VBM

Value Based Medicine

VPAS

Voluntary Scheme 2019

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Did you know the pharmaceutical industry in Scotland rebates the NHS for the branded medicines they use and in 2019 this totalled over £70m. If you would like to learn more about how the innovative pharmaceutical industry ensures medicines are affordable, please watch this short video explainer [here](#).

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WHO

World Health Organization

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ABPI wants Scotland to learn from the recent COVID-19 pandemic and evolve the process for setting up and designing clinical research. If you would like to read more about our priorities for clinical trials, please read this [blog here](#).

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YCS

Yellow Card Scheme

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Patient safety is at the heart of what we do, and if you would like to learn more about pharmacovigilance and what this means for constituents, please read this helpful **resource**.

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Who we are



The ABPI exists to make all four nations of the UK the best place in the world to research, develop and use new medicines. We represent companies of all sizes who invest in discovering the medicines of the future, including vital medicines and vaccines to treat COVID-19.

In Scotland, our members support over 15,250 jobs and exports of manufactured pharmaceutical products were worth over £575 million to the Scottish economy in 2018. Overall, the industry supports a total of £2.5 billion worth of industrial output and is one of Scotland's most productive sectors.

We work in partnership with Government and the NHS so patients can get new treatments faster and the NHS can plan how much it spends on medicines. Our voluntary agreement with government ensures that spending on branded medicines, across all four nations of the UK, can only grow by 2% per annum with anything over this repaid.

Every day, we partner with organisations in the life sciences community and beyond to transform lives across the UK.

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