

Health Jargon Buster

An A to Z guide



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The Association of the British
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represents innovative research-
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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 few years, 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 Wales 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 healthcare.



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A

AAC	Accelerated Access Collaborative
ABPI	Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
AHP	Allied Health Professional
AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance
AoMRC	Academy of Medical Royal Colleges
ASAR	AWMSG Secretariat Assessment Report
ATMP	Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product
ATW	Advanced Therapies Wales Programme
AWDCC	All Wales Drugs Contracting Committee
AWMSG	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
AWPAG	All Wales Prescribing Advisory Group
AWTTC	All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (Secretariat to AWMSG)



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B

BDA

British Dental Association

BIT

Budget Impact Test

BMA

British Medical Association

BNF

British National Formulary



COVID-19 has powerfully demonstrated the strategic importance of the life science sector to our health, security, and economy. Alongside a **UK Life Sciences Recovery Roadmap**, ABPI Cymru has **published** our view on how we can build back better in Wales.



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CAA	Commercial Access Agreement
CDF	Cancer Drugs Fund
CEPP	Clinical Effectiveness Prescribing Programme
CHC	Community Health Council
CHD	Coronary Heart Disease
CMO (Wales)	Chief Medical Officer
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CPCF	Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework
CPO (Wales)	Chief Pharmaceutical Officer
CPW	Community Pharmacy Wales
CRO-mCTA	Clinical Research Organisation Model Clinical Trial Agreement
CSA (Wales)	Chief Scientific Adviser



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D

DHCW

Digital Health and Care Wales

DHEW

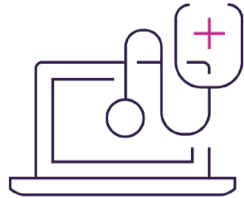
Digital Health Ecosystem Wales

DHSC

UK Department of Health and Social Care

DHSS (Wales)

Department for Health and Social Services



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.

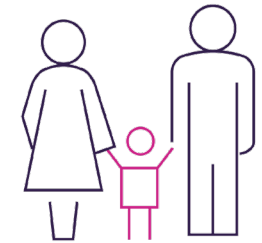


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E

EAMS	Early Access to Medicines Scheme
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EoL	End of Life Care
EHR/EPR	Electronic Health/Patient Record



There is no doubt that a key pillar of ethical research is delivering maximum benefit for all. By being more inclusive, we can truly improve how we research and develop medicines and vaccines so that they better meet the needs of patients worldwide. Find out more **here**.



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FAD

Final Appraisal Determination

FAIR

Findable Accessible Interoperable and Reusable

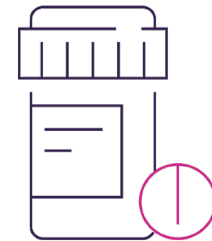
FAR

AWMSG Final Appraisal Recommendation

FMD

Falsified Medicines Directive

Did you know that the New Treatment Fund in Wales has enabled quicker access to over 265 medicines to treat more than 100 health conditions since it was established in 2017? Find out more [here](#).





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G

GAVI

Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation

GMC

General Medical Council

GPC

General Practitioners Committee (BMA)

GPhC

General Pharmaceutical Council



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, as this **report** shows.



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H

HIA	Health Impact Assessment
HEIW	Health Education and Improvement Wales
HIW	Health Inspectorate Wales
HCRW	Health and Care Research Wales
HST	Highly Specialised Technologies
HTA	Health Technology Assessment
HTW	Health Technology Wales



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ICP

Integrated Care Pathway

ILAP

Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway

IMF

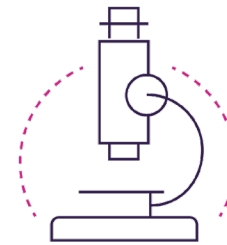
Innovative Medicines Fund

IPFR

Individual Patient Funding Request

IR

AWMSG Independent Review



In this short **video**, the ABPI team takes 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.



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JCVI

Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation

We want to support those seeking a career in the pharmaceutical industry. The **case studies** on our website give information on over one hundred job roles based in the UK.





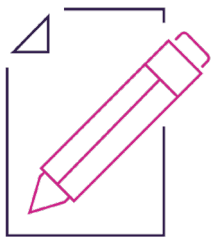
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KSF

Knowledge and Skills Framework - NHS



Did you know that the UK's life sciences sector employs over 250,000 people alone - 16,000 in Wales. However, there is a key skills gap. Find out more **here**.



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LHB

Local Health Board (known as University Health Board)

LSHW

Life Sciences Hub Wales



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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M

MAA	Managed Access Agreement
MARS	Medical Appraisal and Revalidation System
MCTA	Model Clinical Trial Agreement
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
MMR	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (vaccination)



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 we **represent**.



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N

NDR	National Data Resource
NHS	National Health Service (this may be followed by a (W) for Wales, (E) for England, etc.)
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
NIHR	National Institute for Health Research
NMG	New Medicines Group
NOACs	New Oral Anticoagulants
NSAIDs	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
NTF	New Treatment Fund
NWSSP	NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership



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OHE	Office of Health Economics
OLS	Office of Life Science
OTC	Over the counter (medicines)
OWM	One Wales Medicines process
OWMAG	One Wales Medicines Assessment Group



The ABPI are committed to working with others - patients, healthcare professionals, regulators and governments - to deliver medicines in an ethically responsible way. We discuss this [here](#).



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P

PAR	AWMSG Preliminary Appraisal Recommendation
PAS	Patient Access Scheme
PASLU	Patient Access Scheme Liaison Unit (NICE)
PASWG	Patient Access Scheme Wales Group
PHW	Public Health Wales
PIM	Promising Innovative Medicine designation
PNA	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
POM	Prescription-only Medicines
PPRS	Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme
PREM	Patient Reported Experience Measure
PROM	Patient Reported Outcome Measure
PSNC	Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee



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QA

Quality Assurance

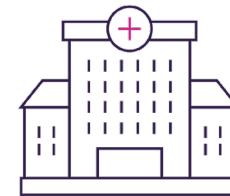
QAIF

Quality Assurance and Improvement Framework

QALY

Quality-Adjusted Life Year

Quality involves developing and implementing systems to ensure that medicines are manufactured to the highest standard and is fundamental to our industry. You can find out more **here**.





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R

R&D	Research & Development
RCoA	Royal College of Anaesthetists
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RCGP	Royal College of General Practitioners
RCP	Royal College of Physicians
RCS	Royal College of Surgeons
RPS	Royal Pharmaceutical Society
RSM	Royal Society of Medicine



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S

SHA

Special Health Authority

SMC

Scottish Medicines Consortium

STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

We know that any medicine shortage is extremely worrying for the people affected by it. Manufacturers do everything they can to prevent medicine supply problems occurring and to resolve them quickly if they do happen. Find out more **here**.





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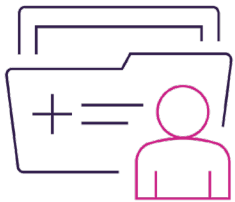


TAG

Technology Appraisal Guidance

TDA

Therapeutic Development Assessment



Clinical trials are important for patients; they are beneficial to the NHS and they are good for our economy.



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UKCRN

UK Clinical Research Network

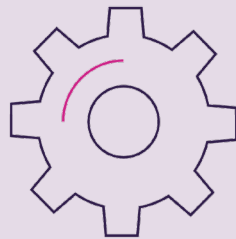
UKMi

UK Medicines Information

UHB

University Health Board

For the ABPI, securing the UK's reputation as an attractive destination for global investment is key, but as an industry, an effective relationship with the European Union is equally important. Read more [here](#).





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V

VBHC

Value Based Healthcare (also Value in Health)

VPAS

Voluntary Scheme 2019



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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W

WAO	Wales Audit Office
WAPSU	Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit
WAST	Wales Ambulance Service Trust
WCISU	Welsh Cancer Intelligence & Surveillance Unit
WCVA	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
WeMeReC	Welsh Medicines Resource Centre
WHO	World Health Organization
WHSSC	Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee
WIHSC	Wales Institute for Health and Social Care
WPAS	Welsh Patient Access Scheme
WPhC	Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee



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YCS

Yellow Card Scheme

YMYH

Your Medicines, Your Health

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ABPI

Who we are



The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) exists to make the UK the best place in the world to research, develop and use new medicines and vaccines. We represent companies of all sizes who invest in discovering the medicines of the future.

Our members supply cutting edge treatments that improve and save the lives of millions of people. 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.

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

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