
Medical Licensing: Learning the Lingo

Administrators in Medicine
Medical Board Licensure Coordinators Training

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“Inside Baseball”

Let's play a game ...



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Lingo

Every profession develops its own unique terminology. And, as a culture, we LOVE to shorten our speech into acronyms.

Think of baseball: There are RBIs and ERAs, OBP and WAR ...

How many of the following can you identify?



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Easy Acronyms

Let's start with a couple of easy ones ...

- AIM

Administrators in Medicine

- FSMB

Federation of State Medical Boards



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Common Acronyms

How about these? ...



Global Organization of Oriented Group
Language of Earth

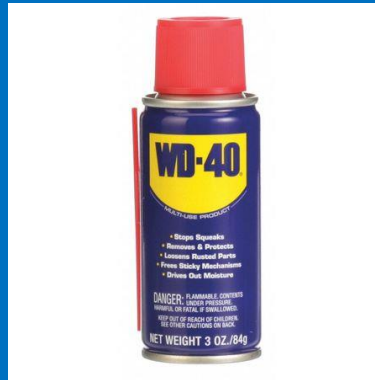


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WD-40



Water Displacement – 40th Attempt



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CVS



Consumer Value Stores



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Medical Acronyms

- ACGME
Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education
- AOA
American Osteopathic Association
- CME
Continuing Medical Education
- COMLEX-USA
Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing
Examination of the USA



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M&Ms



Mars & Murrie's



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YAHOO!



Yet Another Hierarchal Official Oracle



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Medical Acronyms

- CPEP
Center for Personalized Education for Physicians
- CSE
Clinical Skills Examination
- ECFMG
Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
- FAIMER
Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research

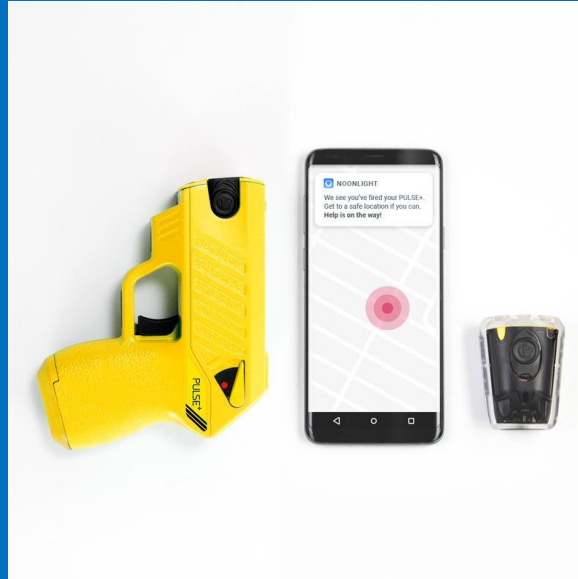


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TASER



Thomas A. Swift's Electrical Rifle



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ZIP code



Zone Improvement Plan code



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Medical Acronyms

- FCVS
Federation Credentials Verification Service
- FLEX
Federation Licensing Examination
- FPMB
Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards
- GME
Graduate Medical Education



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USA PATRIOT Act



Uniting and Strengthening Awareness by Providing
Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and
Obstruct Terrorism



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TIME magazine



The International Magazine of Events



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Medical Acronyms

- IMG
International Medical Graduate
- IMLC(C)
Interstate Medical Licensing Compact (Commission)
- LMCC
Licentiate Medical Council of Canada
- MOC
Maintenance of Certification



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SPAM



Shoulder Pork and Ham



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TCBY



The Country's Best Yogurt



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Medical Acronyms

- NBME
National Board of Medical Examiners
- NBOME
National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners
- NCCPA
National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
- NCQA
National Committee for Quality Assurance



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Laser



Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission



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Canola Oil



Canada Oil, Low Acid



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Medical Acronyms

- NPDB
National Practitioner Data Bank
- OCC
Osteopathic Continuous Certification
- PDC
Physician Data Center
- RCPSC
Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada



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GEICO



Government Employees Insurance Company



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NERF



Non-Expandable Recreational Foam



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Medical Acronyms

- SAMHSA
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services
Administration
- SPEX
Special Purpose Examination
- UA
Uniform Application
- USMLE
United States Medical Licensing Examination



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Acronyms in a Time of Pandemic

- COVID-19
Coronavirus Disease 2019
- ARD(S)
Acute Respiratory Disease (Syndrome)
- CDC
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- ECMO
Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation



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Acronyms in a Time of Pandemic

- FDA
Food and Drug Administration
- HCP
Health Care Personnel
- HEPA
High Efficiency Particulate Air filter respirators
- NIOSH
National Institute for Occupational Health & Safety



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Acronyms in a Time of Pandemic

- PPE
Personal Protective Equipment
- SARS
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
- WHO (not the rock band)
World Health Organization



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3M



Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing



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S.O.S.



Does not stand for Save Our Ship
Three dots – three dashes – three dots



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FSMB List

Here is a link to a list of acronyms compiled by the FSMB:

https://wvbom.wv.gov/download_resource.asp?id=581



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