

## List of Abbreviations/Acronyms

5<sup>th</sup> PATHWAY – An avenue for licensure-defined in the Directory of Accredited Residencies  
AA – Anesthesiologist Assistant  
AAI – Accept as Information  
AAPA – American Academy of Physician Assistants  
ABMS – American Board of Physician Assistants  
ACGME – Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (division of AMA)  
AIM – Administrators in Medicine  
AMA – American Medical Association  
AMA PRA – American Medical Association Physician Recognition Award  
AOA – American Osteopathic Association  
ATP – As Time Permits  
BADB – Board Action Data Bank (FSMB managed databank of medical board disciplinary actions)  
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CACMS – Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools  
CAQ – Certificate of Added Qualification conferred by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS, the AOA, CCFP, FRCP or FRCS  
CCFP – Certificant of the College of Family Physicians  
CFPC – College of Family Physicians of Canada  
CISP – Change in Staff Privileges  
CME – Continuing Medical Education  
CO – Consent Order  
COCA – Commission of Osteopathic Colleges Accreditation  
COMLEX – Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Exam (Osteopathic counterpart to USMLE)  
COMVEX – Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination  
CPEP – Colorado Personalized Education for Physicians  
CPP – Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner  
CPPJS – Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner Joint Subcommittee  
DataLiNC – Subscription Service for Licensee Information  
DEA – Drug Enforcement Administration  
DHHS – Department of Health & Human Services  
DO – Doctor of Osteopathy  
DUI – Driving Under the Influence  
DWI – Driving While Impaired  
ECFMG – Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates  
EHR – Electronic Health Records  
EMR – Electronic Medical Records  
EMS – Emergency Medical Services  
FCVS – Federation Credentials Verification Service (Managed by FSMB)  
FLEX – Federal Licensing Examination  
FRCP – Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada  
FRCS – Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada  
FSMB – Federation of State Medical Boards  
FULOC – Follow Up Letter of Concern  
GLS – GL Suite  
GME – Graduate Medical Education

HIPDB – Health Insurance Portability Databank  
II – Informal Interview  
ILOC – Interim Letter of Concern  
IMG – International Medical Graduate  
JAPS – Judgements, Awards, Payments or Settlements  
JSC Panel– Joint Subcommittee Panel  
LCME – Liaison Commission on Medical Education  
LI – Licensee Information  
LMCC – Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada  
LP – Licensed Perfusionist  
MCCQE – Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination  
MOL – Maintenance of Licensure  
MPA – Medical Practice Act  
MSFL – Medical School Faculty License  
NBME – National Board of Medical Examiners  
NBOME – National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners  
NC CSRS – NC Controlled Substance Reporting System  
NCAPA – North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants  
NCCPA – National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants  
NCMB – North Carolina Medical Board  
NP – Nurse Practitioner  
NPDB – National Practitioner Data Bank  
OTP – Order to Produce  
PA – Physician Assistant  
PA – Professional Association  
PAAC – Physician Assistant Advisory Committee  
PAC – Perfusionist Advisory Committee  
PACE – Physician Assessment Clinical Education  
PANACE – Physician Assistant’s National Certifying Examination  
PC – Professional Corporation  
PHP – Physicians Health Program  
PLAS – Post Licensure Assessment System  
PLLC – Professional Limited Liability Company  
PLOC – Private Letter of Concern  
PRA – Physician’s Recognition Award  
PubLOC – Public Letter of Concern  
RCPSC – Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada  
ROI – Report of Investigation  
RTL – Resident Training License  
SBI – State Bureau of Investigation  
SPEX – Special Purpose Examination  
SSRC – Senior Staff Review Committee  
USMLE – United States Medical Licensing Examination [www.ncmedboard.org](http://www.ncmedboard.org) – Public Website for the Public