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ABBREVIATIONS - ACRONYMS

ÁNTSZ - National Public Health and Medical Officers Service (Állami Népegészségügyi és Tisztiorvosi Szolgálat)
ASA - American Society of Anaesthesiology
BIOMED/PECO - Les Pays d’Europe Centrale et Orientale (PECO). The Hungarian PECO Programme was part of the ‘Cooperation in Science and Technology with Central and Eastern European Countries and with the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union’ under the aegis and with the financial support of the European Commission, Directorate General XII., Science Research and Development. The PECO programme was a parallel programme of the Concerted Action Programme on Quality Assurance in Hospitals II. which was carried out as part of the Biomedical and Health Research (The BIOMED 1 Programme) of the European Union, between 1994-1997.
CBO - Dutch Institute for Healthcare Improvement, (Kwaliteitsinstituut voor de Gezondheidszorg, formerly Centraal Begeleidingsorgaan voor de Intercollegiale Toetsing)
CDC - Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, United States of America
CCEE - Countries of Central and Eastern Europe
CIQIP - Creative-Interactive Quality Improvement Pages
CWE - Countries of Western Europe
COMAC/HSR/QA - Concerted Action on Quality Assurance in Hospitals, which was carried out between 1992-1994 as part of the Biomedical and Health Research (The BIOMED 1 Programme) of the European Union.

DRGs - Diagnosis Related Groups
HELCIS - Hospitals in Europe Link for Infection Control Through Surveillance, (HELICS)
HSQA - Hungarian Society for Quality Assurance in Health Care
HUF - Hungarian Forint - 120 HUF = 1 NLG (August, 2000)
ISQua - International Society for Quality in Health Care
MOTESZ - Society of the Hungarian Medical Associations (Magyar Orvostudományi Társaságok és Egyesületek Szövetsége)

NHS - National Health Care System, United Kingdom
PPS - Prospective Payment System
PSA - Prostate-Specific Antigen
PSM - Patient Satisfaction Management
PROSPER - Patient Reports on System Performance
PU - Pressure Ulcer
OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-ordination and Development
SDR - Standardised Death Rate
SSI - Surgical Site Infection
UCP - Under the Counter Payment
WHO - World Health Organisation