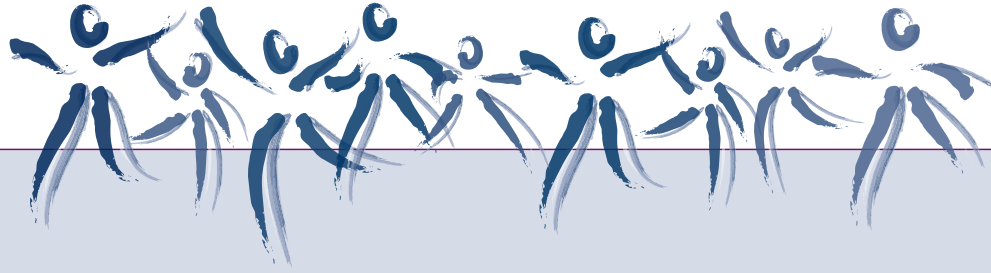


Abbreviations



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| ABS | Australian Bureau of Statistics |
| ACAM | Australian Centre for Asthma Monitoring |
| ACCHS | Aboriginal community controlled health service |
| ACT | Australian Capital Territory |
| AIHW | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| ARIA | Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia |
| ASGC | Australian Standard Geographical Classification |
| ASMA | Australian System for Monitoring Asthma |
| BEACH | Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health |
| CATI | computer-assisted telephone interview |
| CI | confidence interval |
| COPD | chronic obstructive pulmonary disease |
| CURF | confidentialised unit record file |
| DoHA | Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing |
| ED | emergency department |
| GINA | Global Initiative for Asthma |
| GP | general practitioner |
| HRQoL | health-related quality of life |
| ICD-9 | International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision |
| ICD-9-CM | International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification |
| ICD-10 | International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision |
| ICD-10-AM | International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Australian Modification |
| ICPC-2 | International Classification of Primary Care, 2nd edition |
| ICS | inhaled corticosteroids |
| ISAAC | International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood |
| MBS | Medicare Benefits Schedule |
| NATSIHS | National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey |
| NHS | National Health Survey |
| NSW | New South Wales |
| NT | Northern Territory |
| PBS | Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme |
| PIP | Practice Incentives Program |
| Qld | Queensland |
| RPBS | Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme |
| SA | South Australia |
| SAND | Supplementary Analysis of Nominated Data |
| SEIFA | Socio-economic Indexes for Areas |
| Tas | Tasmania |
| Vic | Victoria |
| WA | Western Australia |