Medical Academies & Healthcare Professional Associations

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AcademyHealth (also AHSR)
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)
Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
Acute Long Term Hospital Association (ALTHA)
Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) [formerly HIMA]
Air Ambulance Association (AAA) [patient transportation]
Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (AHPSR) [international]
Alliance of Claims Assistance Professionals (ACAP)
Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP)
Alliance for Health Reform
Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers (AIAMC)
America’s Blood Centers (ABC)
America’s Health Insurance Plans - 1,300 members
American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA)
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Peridontology
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Procedural Coders (AAPC)
American Accreditation HealthCare Commission / URAC
American Ambulance Association (AAA)
American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF)
American Association for Homecare (AAHomecare)
American Association for Medical Transcription
American Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (AAASC)
American Association of Association Executives
American Association of Blood Banks
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Eye and Ear Hospitals (AAEEH)
American Association of Community Psychiatrists
American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM)
[patient accounting]
American Association of Healthcare Consultants (AAHC)
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA)
American Association of Hospital Dentists (AAHD)
American Association of Integrated Healthcare Delivery Systems (AAIHD)
American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)
American Association of Medical Billers (AAMB) [insurance claims]
American Association of Medical Review Officers
American Association of Medical Transcriptionists
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Operating Room Nurses
American Association of Physicians in Medicine
American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC)
American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO)
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) [transplants]
American Baptist Homes and Hospitals Association (ABHHA)
American Bar Association, Health Law Section (ABA)
American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)
American College of Cardiology Administrators (ACCA)
American College of Contingency Planners (ACCP) [disaster planning]
American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) [long term care]
American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA)
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
American College of Healthcare Information Administrators (ACHIA)
American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)
American College of Medical Quality (ACMQ)
American College of Oncology Administrators (ACOA)
American College of Physician Executives (ACPE)
American College of Surgeons/Commission on Cancer (ACS/COC) [standards]
American Dental Association (ADA)
American Health Association (AHCA)
American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA)
American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) [AAHP, HIAA]
American Health Lawyers Association
American Health Planning Association (AHPA) [certificate of need]
American Health Quality Association (AHQA) [quality improvement organizations (QIO), peer review organizations (PRO)]
American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA)
American Heart Association
American Institute of Architects/Academy of Architecture for Health (AIA/AAH)
American Lung Association
American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association (AMBHA)
American Medical Association (AMA)
American Medical Billing Association (AMBA)
American Medical Directors Association (AMDA)
American Medical Group Association (AMGA)
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA)
American Medical Resources Foundation (AMRF) [donations for developing countries]
American Medical Women's Association
American National Standards Institute - Healthcare Informatics Standards Board (ANSI HISB)
American Nurses Association (ANA)
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
American Osteopathic Healthcare Association (AOHA)
American Physical Therapy Association
American Podiatric Medical Association
American Psychiatric Association (APA)
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Psychological Association (APA)
American Public Health Association (APHA)
American School Health Association (ASHA)
American Society for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP)
American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services (ASHES)
American Society for Healthcare Food Service Administration (ASHFSA)
American Society for Quality - Health Care Division (ASQ)
American Society for Testing and Materials - Committee E31 on Healthcare Informatics (ASTM)
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Directors of Volunteer Services (ASDVS)
American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors (ASHPE)
American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP)
American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics (ASLME)
American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
American Society of Safety Engineers / Healthcare Practice Specialty (ASSE)
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
American Surgical Hospital Association (ASHA)
American Telemedicine Association (ATA)
America's Blood Centers (ABC)

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Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA)
Association for Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP)
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare
Association for Benchmarking Health Care (ABHC) [incorporates Health Care Benchmarking Association (HCBA)]
Association for Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU)
Association for Electronic Health Care Transactions (AFEHCT) [internet, MIS]
Association for Health Center Affiliated Health Plans (AHCAHP)
Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) [fund raising, foundations]
Association for Hispanic Healthcare Executives (AHHE)
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) [equipment]
Association for Worksite Health Promotion
Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC)
Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) [patient transportation]
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Behavioral Healthcare Management (ABHM)
Association of Cancer Executives (ACE)
Association of Clinical Research Organizations (ACRO)
Association of Freestanding Radiation Oncology Centers (AFROC)
Association of Healthcare Internal Auditors (AHIA)
Association of Health Care Journalists (AHCJ)
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) [state directors]
Association of Medical Device Reprocessors (AMDR)
Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems (AMDIS)
Association of Operating Room Nurses
Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) [transplants]
Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)
Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL)
Association of Staff Physician Recruiters (ASPR)
Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Public Health Education (ASTDHPHE)
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
Association of Telehealth Service Providers [telemedicine]
Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)
Association of Vision Science Librarians
Australian Healthcare Association (AHA)

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Best Practice Network [quality]
Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA)

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Canadian College of Health Service Executives (CCHSE)
Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA)
Case Management Society of America (CMSA)
Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA)
Center for Studying Health System Change
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA)
Coalition for Affordable Quality Healthcare [managed care, guidelines]
Coalition for Affordable and Reliable Health Care (CARH) [liability, malpractice]
Coalition for Healthcare e-Standards (Internet, e-commerce)
COLA (formerly Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation)
College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)
Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)
Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS)
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
Common Good [malpractice liability reform]
Consumer Driven Health Care Association (CDHCA) [insurance, employee benefits]
Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) [over-the-counter drugs, supplements]
Council for Responsible Telemedicine (CRT)
Council of Ethical Organizations - Health Ethics Trust [compliance]
Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH)
Council of Women's and Infants Specialty Hospitals (CWISH)

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Dental Group Management Association (DGMA)
Dietary Managers Association (DMA) [food service]
Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) [information systems, standards]
Disease Management Association of America (DMAA)

eHealth Initiative (eHI) [internet, information technology]
eHealth Institute [internet; information technology]
EHR Collaborative [electronic health record standards, information systems, medical records]
Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC)
Emergency Department Practice Management Association (EDPMA)
Emergency Nurses Association
Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI)
Employers' Managed Health Care Association (MHCA) [managed care]
European Healthcare Management Association
Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) [transplants]

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Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association (FASA) [surgicenters]
Federation of American Hospitals (FAH) [formerly Federation of American Health Systems (FAHS)]
Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States (FSMB)
Forum on Privacy and Security in Healthcare (FPSH)

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Governance Institute

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Healthcare Billing and Management Association (HBMA)
HealthCare Chaplaincy
Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA)
Healthcare Convention and Exhibitors Associations (HCEA)
Healthcare Distribution Management Association (HDMA) [formerly National Wholesale Druggists Association]
Healthcare EDI Coalition (HEDIC) [electronic data, internet]
Health Care Education Association (HCEA)
Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA)
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
Health Insurance Association of America
Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC)
Health Care Liability Alliance (HCLA) [malpractice, law]
Healthcare Manufacturers Marketing Council (HMMC) [equipment and supplies]
Health Care Resource Management Society (HCRMS)
Healthcare Roundtable
Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) [environment, ecology, medical waste]
Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC)
Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA) [equipment, supplies]
Health Industry Group Purchasing Association (HIGPA)
Health Industry Representatives Association (HIRA) [manufacturer sales representatives; equipment; supplies]
Health Insurance Association of America
Health Level Seven (HL7) [electronic data interchange standards]
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
Health Technology Center (HealthTech) [emerging technologies, internet, e-health]
Hi-Ethics [Health Internet, consumer security, privacy, quality standards]
Hospice Association of America (HAA)
Hospital Fire Marshals' Association (HFMA) [safety]
Hospital Home Care Association of America (HHCAA)
HSA Coalition (formerly Business Coalition for Affordable Health Care)

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Institute of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants (ICHBC)
Insurance Information Institute (III)
Integrated Healthcare Association
International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety (IAHHS)
International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers (IAMAT)
International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM)
International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care
International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) [formerly Privacy Officers Association (POA) and Association of Corporate Privacy Officers (ACPO)]
International Executive Housekeepers Association (IEHA)
International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBP)
International Health Economics Association
International Interior Design Association - Healthcare Forum (IIDA)
International Red Cross
Internet Healthcare Coalition (IHC) [quality, ethics]
IPA Association of America (TIPAAA) [physician]

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Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)
Joint Healthcare Information Technology Alliance (JHITA)

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Leapfrog Group [patient safety, quality]

Medical Banking Project (Medical Banking Association, Society of Medical Banking Excellence, Charitable Communities Network)
Medical Device Manufacturers Association (MDMA) [equipment]
Medical Fitness Association (MFA)
Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)
Medical Library Association (MLA)
Medical Outcomes Trust
Medical Records Institute (MRI)
Medical Transcription Industry Alliance (MTIA)
Medicare Rights Center (MRC)
Mobile Healthcare Alliance (MoHCA) [wireless communication/computing]

National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA) - National Council on Aging
National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) [family caregivers, home care]
National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC)
National Association Medical Staff Services (NAMSS) [includes credentialing]
National Association for Health Care Recruitment (NAHCR)
National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)
National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE)
National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) [health insurance]
National Association of Health Unit Coordinators (NAHUC)
National Association of Healthcare Access Management (NAHAM) [admissions, registration]
National Association of Healthcare Transport Management (NAHTM) [patient transportation]
National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses (NAHHH)
National Association of Insurance Commissioners
National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)
National Association of Long Term Care Hospitals (NALTH)
National Association of Managed Care Regulators (NAMCR)
National Association of Medical Staff Services (NAMSS) [includes credentialing]
National Association of Physician Recruiters (NAPR)
National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (NAPGCM)
National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS)
National Association of Public Hospitals
National Association of Rural Health Clinics (NARHC)
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD)
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
National Association of Urban Hospitals (NAUH) [private, safety net hospitals]
National Board of Medical Examiners
National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH) [purchasing employee health benefits]
National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL)
National Coalition on Health Care (NCHC)
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) [jails, prisons]
National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) - Health Issues
National Consortium of Breast Centers (NCBC)
National Consortium of Health Science and Technology Education (NCHSTE)
National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention (NCCMERP)
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (NCCBH)
National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) [IS, data interchange standards]
National Council on Health Facilities Finance Authorities (NCHFFA) [municipal bonds; public finance]
National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (NCIHC) [cultural diversity, translation]
National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) [safe pharmaceutical use]
National CPA Health Care Advisors Association (HCAA) [accounting, consulting]
National Electronic Billers Alliance (NEBA) [insurance claims processing]
National Forum for Health Care Quality Measurement and Reporting / National Quality Forum (NQF)
National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA)
National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC)
National Health Council (NHC)
National Healthcare Cost and Quality Association (NHCQA)
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) [formerly NHO]
National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM)
National Institute for the Certification of Healthcare Sterile Processing and Distribution Personnel (NICHSPDP)
National League for Nursing (NLN)
National Medical Association (NMA)
National Mental Health Association
National PACE Association (NPA) [All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly]
National Rural Health Association
National Spine Network [spine centers]
National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) [3rd party administrators, electronic data interchange]
North American Association for Ambulatory Urgent Care (NAFAC)
North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR)
Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow

Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute [allied health]
Partnership for Patient Safety (P4PS)
Patient Safety Institute (PSI)
People's Medical Society [consumers]
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA) [benefit management]
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PhRMA)
Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute (PBMI)
Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA)
Professional Association of Health Care Office Managers (PAHCOM)
Public Relations Society of America/Health Academy (PRSA)

Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA)
Rx2000 Solutions [information systems, internet]

Scottsdale Institute [information systems]
Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA) [employers, workers comp, ERISA]
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) [infection control]
Society for Radiology Oncology Administrators (SROA)
Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care
Society for the Internet in Medicine (SIM)
Society of Chest Pain Centers and Providers (SCPCP) [early heart attack care]
Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) [formerly National Association of Inpatient Physicians (NAIP)] [hospitalists]
Society of Medical-Dental Management Consultants (SMDMC) [practice management]

Texas Association for Home Care
Tissue Banks International (TBI) [eye banks, transplants]

United Hospital Fund
United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) [transplants]
Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN) [national health insurance, access]
The Urban Institute

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Visiting Nurse Association of America (VNA) [home care]
Volunteer Trustees
Volunteers in Health Care (VIH) [uninsured, free clinics]

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Washington Business Group on Health (WBGH) [employers, health promotion, employee health benefits]
Wellness Councils of America (WELCOA) [worksite health promotion]
World Health Organization

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