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Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia	ALL		
Acute Myeloid Leukemia	AML		
Acute trusts		Providers of secondary care	
Adult Comorbidity Evaluation-27	ACE27		
Age-standardised rate	ASR		
Association of Breast Surgery	ABS		http://www.associationofbreastsurgery.org.uk/
Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry	ABPI		
Association of Upper Gastronintestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland	AUGIS		http://www.augis.org/
Audit		Systematic review of services and outcomes	
Basal Cell Carcinoma	BCC		
Breast Cancer Clinical Outcome Measures	BCCOM		http://www.wmpho.org.uk/wmciu/BQA10.htm
British Asociation of Urological Surgeons	BAUS		www.baus.org.uk
British Association of Dermatologists	BAD		http://www.bad.org.uk
British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons	BAETS		http://www.baets.org.uk
British Association of Head & Neck Oncologists	BAHNO		http://www.bahno.org.uk/
British Association of Surgical Oncology	BASO		www.baso.org/
British Gynaecological Cancer Society	BGCS		http://www.bgcs.org.uk/
British Society for Haematology	BSH		http://www.b-s-h.org.uk/
Cancer Centres		Organisations which help people to live with, through and beyond cancer by bringing together specialist clinical and professional staff and communities of support.	
Cancer Commissioning Toolkit	CCT		https://www.cancertoolkit.co.uk
Cancer Networks		Organisations that bring together providers and commissioners of cancer services, as well as local authorities, voluntary and charitable organisations, and users of cancer services (patients and their carers) to work collaboratively to plan and deliver high quality cancer services for a given population.	
Cancer Nurse Specialist	CNS		
Cancer of Unknown Primary	CUP		

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Cancer Outcomes and Services Data Set	COSD	The new (2012) national standard for reporting cancer in the NHS in England.	http://www.ncin.org.uk/collecting_and_using_data/data_collection/cancer_outcomes_and_services_dataset.aspx
Cancer Quality Improvement Network System	C-QuINS		http://www.cquins.nhs.uk/
Cancer Registries		Organisations which collect, process, analyse and disseminate data on cancer patients in their local regions. They also support reseach.	
Cancer Research UK	CR-UK		http://www.cancerresearchuk.org
Cancer Staging using Proforma Reporting in Radiology	CASPAR		
Care Quality Commission	CQC	The independent regulator of health & social care in England.	http://www.cqc.org.uk/
Central Nervous System	CNS	Note - CNS can also refer to Clinical Nurse Specialist.	
Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting	CINV		
Chief Medical Officer	CMO		
Chief Scientific Officer	CSO		
Children Teenagers and Young Adults	CTYA		
Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group	CCLG		http://www.cclg.org.uk/
Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia	CML		
Clinical Commissiong Groups	CCGs		
Clinical Governance		The term used to describe a systematic approach to maintaining and improving the quality of patient care within a health system.	
Clinical Lines of Enquiry (Peer Review)	CLE		
Clinical Nurse Specialist	CNS	Note - CNS can also refer to Central Nurse Specialist.	
Clinical Reference Group	CRG		
Commisioning Support Organisations	CSOs		
Commissioners		Organisations that plan, purchase and monitor services to meet the health needs of their local population.	
Connecting for Health	CfH	CfH is part of the DH Informatics Directorate. Its role is to maintain and develop the NHS national IT structure.	
Data files		Files that store data pertaining to a specific application, for later use.	
Data for Head and Neck Oncology	DAHNO		
Dataset		A collection of data, usually presented in tabular form.	
Department of Health	DH	Usually referred to as DH in England. There are similar departments in Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland	http://www.dh.gov.uk

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Diagnostic Imaging Dataset	DIDs	A proposed data set containing diagnostic imaging test activity across the NHS, taken from Radiology Information Systems.(See ISB Standard 1577)	
Eastern Cancer Registry and Information Centre	ECRIC		http://ecric.org.uk/
Electronic Prescription Service	EPS		
English National Cancer Online Registration Environment	ENCORE		
E-prescribing		A process that supports the entire medicines use process enabling medicines to be managed electronically from prescribing through to supply and administration.	
Ethics and Confidentiality Committee	ECC	The ECC has been established to undertake the responsibilities of the National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care (NIGB) under section 251 of the NHS Act 2006 and to consider and advise on ethical issues relating to the processing of health or social care information as referred to it by the NIGB.	
Gastro-Intestinal Stomal Tumour	GIST		
Haematological Malignancy Research Network	HMRN		http://www.hmrn.org/
Health Research Authority	HRA		
Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership	HQIP		http://www.hqip.org.uk
Hospital Episode Statistics	HES	The NHS database in England. Has other names in the Regions, eg PAS in N. Ireland	
Human papillomavirus	HPV		
Implementation Guidance		A document with information on how to employ the dataset.	
Implementation of Improving Outcomes: a strategy for cancer	IOSC	The overarching strategy for cancer services in England.	
Improving Outcomes Guidelines	IOG		
Improving outcomes: a strategy for cancer	IOSC		
Infoflex			http://www.infoflex.com/
Information Governance	IG	The set of multi-disciplinary structures, policies, procedures, processes and controls implemented to manage information on all media in such a way that it supports an organisation's immediate and future regulatory, legal, risk, environmental and operational requirements.	
Information Prescriptions	IP		

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Information Standard	IS	A measure that ensures that information is managed in a consistent manner across health and social care, both by the computers and the staff.	
Information Standards Board	ISB		http://www.isb.nhs.uk/
Integrated Research Applications System	IRAS		
Intensity-modulated radiation therapy	IRMT		
International Cancer Benchmarking Project	ICBP		
International Classification of Diseases	ICD (number) code	Note - now on version 10	
International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics	FIGO	A system for staging of gynaelogical Cancers	http://www.figo.org/
International Gynecologic Cancer Society	IGCS		
International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems	ICD (number) code	A medical classification list for the coding of diseases, signs and symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances and external causes of injury or diseases, as maintained by the World Health Organization (WHO). - see *International Classification of Diseases* above.	
Key Performance Indicator	KPI		
Linkage (record)		The task of finding entries that refer to the same entity across different data sources.	
Lobular Neoplasia, Lobular in situ neoplasia	LISN		
London Local Education and Training Boards	LETBs		
Medicine and Healthcre Products Regulatory Agency	MHRA		
Monitor		Monitor authorises and regulates NHS foundation trusts and supports their development, ensuring they are well-governed and financially robust.	
Morphology codes			
Multi Disciplinary Teams	MDTs	MDTs bring together people who are experts in different areas of medicine and care, and usually meet every week to discuss the diagnosis, treatment and care of individual patients.	
National Association of Laryngectomee Clubs	NALC		
National Bowel Cancer Audit	NBOCAP		http://www.ic.nhs.uk/bowel
National Cancer Action Team	NCAT	The role of NCAT is to support the NHS in translating the vision set out in 'Improving Outcomes – A Strategy for Cancer ' into reality.	http://www.ncat.nhs.uk/

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National Cancer Audit Support Programme	NCASP	Part of the NHS Information Centre (NHS IC – see below) that provides clinical audits in the cancer sector backed by appropriate professional bodies which provide clinical leadership and direction.	
National Cancer Data Repository	NCDR		
National Cancer Data Set and the Cancer Registration Data Set	NCDS & CRDS	The current dataset for the collection of cancer data.	
National Cancer Intelligence Network	NCIN	A UK-wide initiative, working to drive improvements in standards of cancer care and clinical outcomes by improving and using the information collected about cancer patients for analysis, publication and research.	http://www.ncin.org.uk
National Cancer Peer Review	NCPR		http://www.ncat.nhs.uk/ncpr
National Cancer Registration Service	NCRS		
National Cancer Research Institute	NCRI	The UK wide partnership of organisations that promotes cancer research.	http://www.ncri.org.uk/
National Cancer Research Network	NCRN		http://ncrndev.org.uk/
National Cancer Services Analysis Team	NatCanSAT	An in-house provider of medical informatics services to the NHS	
National Chemotherapy Advisory Group	NCAG		
National Chemotherapy Implementation Group	NCIG		
National Forum of Gynaecological Oncology Nurses	NFGON		
National Health Service	NHS		
National Health Service Information Centre for Health and Social Care	NHS IC		
National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care	NIGB	An independent statutory body established to promote, improve and monitor information governance in health and adult social care.	
National Institute for Clinical Excellence	NICE		http://www.nice.org.uk/
National Lung Cancer Audit	NLCA		
National Mastectomy and Breast Reconstruction Audit (UK)	NMBRA		
National Radiotherapy Implementation Group	NRIG		
National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Data Set	NWCWTDS	The data required for monitoring the cancer waiting time standards introduced by Data Set Change Notice 22/2002, updated to include new standards introduced by the Cancer Reform Strategy (2007) by DSCN 20/2008 and subsequently revised in Amd 23/2011.	

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Neoplasms		An abnormal formation of tissue i.e. a tumour.	
Network Site Specific Group	NSSG		
NHS Commissioning Board	NHSCB		
NHS Trust Development Authority	NTDA		
North West Cancer Intelligence Service	NWCIS		http://www.nwcis.nhs.uk/
Northern and Yorkshire Cancer Registry and Information Service	NYCRIS		http://www.nycris.nhs.uk/
Northern Ireland Cancer Registry	NICR		
Office for National Statistics	ONS	The ONS exists to improve understanding of life in the United Kingdom and enable informed decisions through trusted, relevant, and independent statistics and analysis.	
Open Exeter		Open Exeter is a web-enabled viewer from NHS Connecting for Health that gives us the opportunity to share information held on the Exeter system with other organisations including GP Providers.	
Operating Procedure Codes	OPCS		
Oxford Cancer Intelligence Unit	OCIU		http://www.ociu.nhs.uk/
Paediatric		Relating to the medical care of children.	
Patient and Public Involvement	PPI		
Patient Identifiable Records		A single record containing information that can be used to uniquely identify, contact, or locate a single person or can be used with other sources to uniquely identify a single individual.	
Patient pathway		The route followed by cancer patients from diagnosis through treatment and follow up care.	
Payment by results	PbR	A system which aims to provide a transparent, rules-based system for paying trusts.	
Picture Archiving and Communications System	PACS		
Prostate-specific antigen	PSA		
Providers		Organisations that provide health services.	
Public Health England	PHE		
Public Health Observatories	PHOs	PHOs produce information, data and intelligence on people's health and health care for practitioners, policy makers and the wider community.	
Radiology Information System	RIS		

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Radiotherapy Data Set	RTDS	A standard dataset covering every patient treated with radiotherapy in the NHS in the England.	
Repository		Refers to a location for storage, often for safety or preservation.	
Review of Central Returns	ROCR		http://www.ic.nhs.uk/rocr
Royal College of General Practitioners	RCGP		
Royal College of Pathologists	RCPath		http://www.rcpath.org/
Royal College of Pathologists	RC Path	A professional membership organisation committed to setting and maintaining professional standards and to promoting excellence in the practice of pathology.	
Secondary Care		The health care services provided by medical specialists and other health professionals at the second point of contact following referral from primary care E.G. urology services provided by Urologists.	
Site Specific Clinical Reference Groups	SSCRGs	The NCINs specialist groups who advise on data and measures of clinical outcomes Membership includes representatives from major clinical specialties, patients, voluntary sector groups and health service managers.	
Site-specific		Relating to a particular cancer site within the body.	
Somerset Cancer Register			
South West Public Health Observatory	SWPHO		http://www.swpho.nhs.uk/
Specification		An explicit set of requirements to be satisfied by a material, product, or service.	
Squamous cell carcinoma	SCC		
Standard		An agreed, repeatable way of doing something.	
Strategic Health Authority	SHA		
Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine	SNOMED		
Systemic Anti Cancer Therapy Dataset	SACT	The national collection of all cancer chemotherapy data in the NHS in England, which covers all solid tumour and haematological malignancies This includes all adult and paediatric cancer patients, those in clinical trials, and covers acute inpatient, daycase, outpatient and community settings.	
Systemised Nomenclature of Medicine – Clinical Terms	SNOMED - CT	A systematically organised computer processable collection of medical terminology covering most areas of clinical information such as diseases, findings, procedures, microorganisms, and substances which allows a consistent way to index, store, retrieve, and aggregate clinical data across specialties and sites of care.	

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Teenagers and Young Adults with Cancer	TYAC		http://www.tyac.org.uk/
TNM Staging System	TNM	The TNM staging system is based on the extent of the tumor **(T)**, the extent of spread to the lymph nodes **(N)**, and the presence of distant metastasis **(M)**. A number is added to each letter to indicate the size or extent of the primary tumor and the extent of cancer spread.	
Transitional cell carcinomas	TCC		
UKACR Training and Coding Classification Group	UKACR TCCG		
United Kingdom Association of Cancer Registries	UKACR	The UKACR brings together organisations with an interest in developing cancer registration as a resource for studying and controlling cancer in the UK and Ireland.	http://www.ukacr.org/
United Kingdom Gynae Oncology Surgery Outcomes & Complications	UKGOSOC		
United Kingdon Oncology Nursing Society	UKONS		http://www.ukons.org/
Upper Gastro-Intestinal	UGI		
User Guide		Instruction documentation to aid those who will be involved in the process of collecting the dataset	
Value Based Pricing	VBP		
West Midlands Cancer Intelligence Unit	WMCIU		http://www.wmpho.org.uk/wmciu/
World Health Organisation	WHO		http://www.who.int/en/
XML schema		A description of a type of XML document, typically expressed in terms of constraints on the structure and content of documents of that type, above and beyond the basic syntactical constraints imposed by XML itself.	