

Abbreviation/Glossary - France

ANSM:	Agence nationale de sécurité du médicament et des produits de santé Regulatory body which grants market authorisation. Its role is to evaluate clinical trial applications and dossiers for placing a drug to market.	CT:	Commission de la transparence The CT decides whether to include a drug on the positive list. It assigns an SMR and ASMR and advises CEPS and UNCAM regarding price and reimbursement levels.
ARS:	Agences Regional Santé Regional Health Agencies responsible for defining and implementing health policies across regions	GHS:	Groupes Homogènes de Séjour The French DRG system. GHSs are used to group patients according to their primary diagnosis. The hospital is paid for activity according to their GHS case mix.
ASMR/ SMR:	Amélioration du service médical rendu/ Service médical rendu The CT is responsible for assessing the actual clinical benefit and the clinical added value of a medicine vs. already marketed competitors. The results are used to determine a medicines price and level of reimbursement.	HAS:	Haute Autorité de Santé The French National Authority for Health is an independent public authority in charge of the nations health. It comprises 1 college, 7 commissions (including the CT) and various services and networks.
CEPS:	Comité Economique des produits de Santé The Economic Committee for Health Care Products negotiates the price of a drug with its manufacturer. CEPS references a drug's ASMR in this assessment.	T2A:	Tarification à l'activité Activity based payment system which links medical activity to financial support. Hospitals are paid according to their GHS case mix. T2A drugs are covered under the GHS system, non-T2A drugs are excluded from the GHS system.
CEESP:	Commission Evaluation Economique et de Santé Publique. Undertakes economic evaluations		

Abbreviations/Glossary - Germany

AMNOG:	Arzneimittelmarktneuordnungsgesetz Pharmaceutical Market Restructuring Act	GKV:	Gesetzliche Krankenversicherung Statutory Health system
AMR:	Arzneimittel-Richtlinien Prescribing Guidelines Specifies the cost bid for the prescription of drugs	IQWiG:	Institut für Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit im Gesundheitswesen Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care Independent scientific institute that investigates the benefits of medical interventions for patients
BfArM:	Bundesinstitut für Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte The Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices An independent higher federal authority within the portfolio of the Federal Ministry of Health	InEK:	Institut für das Entgeltsystem im Krankenhaus Institute for the Hospital Remuneration System Hospital funding institute, sets DRGs
DRG:	Diagnosis related Groups	KK:	Krankenkassen Health Insurance Statutory sick funds – providing health coverage
EMA:	European Medicines Agency	KV:	Kassenärztliche Vereinigungen Regional Physicians' Association
FB:	Festbetrag Fixed amount Three level reference price system	NuB:	Neue Untersuchungs and Behandlungsmethoden New diagnostic and treatment methods
G-BA:	Gemeinsamer Bundesausschuss The Federal Joint Committee Supreme decision-making body, issuing directives and determines the benefit package of the statutory health insurance (GKV). Responsible for reimbursement decisions in the GKV	ZE:	Zusatzentgelt Fixed / Negotiable supplementary payment

Abbreviations/Glossary - Spain

AEMPS:	Agencia Española del Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios Spanish Medicines Agency	MSC:	Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad (superseded the Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo, abbreviation remains MSC) Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality
CIPM:	The Comisión Interministerial de Precios de los Medicamentos (within the DGFPs) Interministerial Commission for Medicines Prices Makes the final decision on drug price following advice from the SGCMPs	RHS:	Regional Health Service Oversees medical care and public health service delivery in each of the 17 autonomous communities
CNURM:	Comisión Nacional para el Uso Racional del Medicamento (within the DGFPs) National Commission for the Rational Use of Medicines Makes final reimbursement decision following advice from the SGMPs	SGCMPS:	Subdirección General de Calidad de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios Subdirectorate-General for the Quality of Medicines and Health Care Products Advises on the reimbursement status of a drug and proposes a price to CIPM
DGFPS:	Dirección General de Farmacia y Productos Sanitarios Directorate of Pharmaceutical and Health Products Responsible for pricing and reimbursement decision-making in Spain	SNS:	Sistema Nacional de Salud National Health Service
EMA:	European Medicines Agency		
INGESA:	Instituto Nacional de Gestión Sanitaria National Health Management Institute Oversees medical care and public health service delivery in the 2 autonomous cities (Ceuta and Melilla)		

Abbreviations/Glossary - Italy

AIFA:	Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco National regulator, pricing and reimbursement body	CTS:	Commissione Tecnico-Scientifica Technical and Scientific Commission of AIFA
AO:	Aziende Ospedaliere Independent public hospital agency	DTP:	Diagnostic therapeutic pathways
ASL:	Azienda Sanitaria Locale Local health agency	EMA:	European Medicines Agency
ASR:	Azienda Sanitaria Regionale Regional health agency	INN:	International Non-proprietary Name
CPR:	Comitato Prezzi e Rimborso Pricing and Reimbursement Committee of AIFA	SSN:	Servizio Sanitario Nazionale Italian National Health Service

Abbreviations/Glossary - UK

ABPI:	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry Negotiates the PPRS with the DOH	ILAP:	Inovative licensing and access pathway Implemented in 2021, accelerated pathway for highly innovative new drugs
AWMSG:	All Wales Medicine Strategy Group Appraises selected pharmaceuticals	Monitor:	Independent regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts
CCGs:	Clinical Commissioning Groups Replaced PCTs. Groups of GPs responsible for designing local health services in England	NHS:	National Health Service
CSUs:	Commissioning Support Units Provide support to CCGs	NHSE:	NHS England The centralised NHS procurement and management authority in England
CQC:	Care Quality Commissioning Independent regulator of health and social care services in England	NHS TDA:	NHS Trust Development Authority Responsible for overseeing the performance management and governance of NHS Trusts
DoH:	Department of Health The regulatory body for pharmaceuticals	NICE:	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence Appraises selected pharmaceuticals and other health technologies
DTC:	Drugs and Therapeutics Committee	QALY:	Quality-adjusted Life Years Measure of disease burden
Foundation Trusts:	Hospital groups, Part of NHS	QOF:	Quality and Outcomes Framework Managed by NICE
HRG:	Healthcare Resource Group UK version of DRGs: standard groupings of clinically similar treatments which use common levels of healthcare resource.	SMC:	Scottish Medicines Consortium Appraises all newly licensed pharmaceuticals
IHS:	Integrated Health System Replacing CCGs as the local administrative unit of care	VSBMIPA:	Voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing and access Overarching agreement defining rebates and pricing of innovative drugs (replaced PPRS)

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