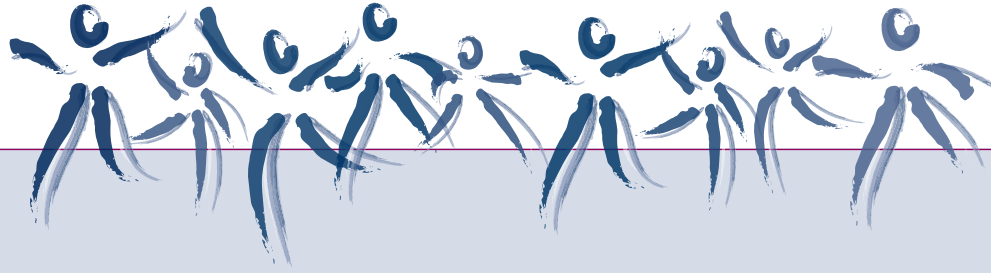


Abbreviations



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