

Organizational Website Links

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Organization Name (with embedded link)	Description	Category (quality, legal, UM, UR, etc)
American Board of Medical Specialties - ABMS	The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is the umbrella organization for the 24 approved medical specialty boards in the United States. Established in 1933 , the ABMS serves to coordinate the activities of its Member Boards and to provide information to the public, the government, the profession and its Members concerning issues involving specialization and certification in medicine. The mission of the ABMS is to maintain and improve the quality of medical care in the United States by assisting the Member Boards in their efforts to develop and utilize professional and educational standards for the evaluation and certification of physician specialists.	Quality
American Health Information Management Association - AHIMA	AHIMA is the premier association of health information management (HIM) professionals. AHIMA's 50,000 members are dedicated to the effective management of personal health information needed to deliver quality healthcare to the public. Founded in 1928 to improve the quality of medical records, AHIMA is committed to advancing the HIM profession in an increasingly electronic and global environment through leadership in advocacy, education, certification, and lifelong learning.	Quality
American Medical Association - AMA	The American Medical Association helps doctors help patients by uniting physicians nationwide to work on the most important professional and public health issues. AMA policy on issues in medicine and public health is decided through its democratic policy-making process , in the AMA House of Delegates . The AMA's activities with for-profit entities are directed by AMA guidelines for corporate relationships , and its Internet products follow AMA guidelines for health and information Web sites .	Quality, Legal
Arizona Board of Medical Examiners	The Arizona Medical Board protects the public through the judicious licensing and regulation of allopathic physicians (M.D.'s). This website is designed to educate the public and physicians about our role and to make accessing our services as simple as possible. Several national organizations have noted our website as a model for other state medical boards. We encourage you to take advantage of the information provided. Many users simply visit this site to "check up on their doctor" by looking at his or her profile. While this is a valuable resource, it is only one of many.	Quality. legal
Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners	The Board's mission is to protect the health, safety and welfare of Arizona citizens by regulating the psychology profession.	Legal
Arizona Chiropractic Board	The mission of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to protect the health, welfare, and safety of Arizona citizens who seek and use chiropractic care. Regulation exists to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. In the State of Arizona, statute provides for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to handle the licensing and regulation for the chiropractic profession.	Legal

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Arizona Community Information & Referral	Founded in 1964 and incorporated as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in 1979, Community Information & Referral is a vital link between people who need help and the organizations which provide that help.	Advocacy
Arizona Department of Health Services	The Arizona Department of Health Service's motto is "Leadership for a Healthy Arizona." This site will provide you with information on how to obtain certificates of birth and death through the Office of Vital Records . You will find many other ways to improve the lives of all Arizonans by learning about controlling epidemics, ensuring safe food and water, testing virtually all newborns for seven metabolic disorders and by monitoring hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers, child care centers and other licensed facilities.	Quality, Legal
Arizona Foundation for Medical Care	Founded in 1969 by 800 local physicians, Arizona Foundation for Medical Care (Arizona Foundation) has grown to be one of the oldest and largest managed care network and medical management companies in Arizona. Unlike other health plans, Arizona Foundation is not a benefit plan or insurance company. We offer Arizona freedom of choice by endorsing a variety of health plans offered through local insurance agents or brokers. Whether you need individual, family or group insurance coverage, there is an Arizona Foundation endorsed plan available to fit your needs. This website is designed to give our clients and business partners all of the necessary information regarding Arizona Foundation products and services. Please refer to the section appropriate for your needs to learn about the options available to you.	Quality, UM
Arizona Homeopathic Board	The Arizona Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners licenses Homeopathic Physicians and registers Homeopathic Medical Assistants. Licensing by the Homeopathic Board is independent of licensure by allopathic or osteopathic boards. The scope of a homeopathic license includes the practice of acupuncture, chelation, homeopathy, minor surgery, neuromuscular integration, nutrition, orthomolecular therapy and pharmaceutical medicine (see A.R.S. § 32-2901(22)). Homeopathic Physicians who intend to dispense general, homeopathic or nutritional medications, substances or devices from an office, must apply for and receive a dispensing permit.	Legal
Arizona Hospital and HealthCare Association - AzHHA	As a public/private partnership, healthcare is always under the legislative, regulatory and public microscope. The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA) unites hospitals and health systems into a powerful and effective advocacy force – one organization with one voice. The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association is an organization of hospitals and health systems dedicated to providing leadership on issues affecting the delivery, quality, accessibility and cost effectiveness of healthcare. The Association accepts and shares in the responsibility for improving the health status of the people of Arizona.	Quality, Legal, UM

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Arizona Medical Association - ARMA	<p>The mission of the Arizona Medical Association is to promote and provide leadership in the art and science of medicine; to preserve and improve the health of all the people in Arizona by developing and maintaining the highest standards; to represent the physician and the profession in the public forum; and to defend the freedom and ability of the physician to practice medicine in the best interests of the patient. Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote optimal health and medical services • To determine the most effective organizational structure and communication mechanisms for the association • To represent the entire medical profession, including medical students, in Arizona. • To expand the role of the association in promoting the standards and clarifying the scope of medical ethics • To provide to individual members benefits and services to aid them in their professional pursuits • To represent the membership in matters pertinent to the economics of medicine • To represent the membership in matters pertaining to medical education, scientific affairs and promotion of the art and science of medicine. 	Quality, Legal, UM
Arizona Nurses Association - AzNA	<p>Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) is the only statewide professional association of registered nurses, and is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association (ANA). Since 1919, the Arizona Nurses Association has been helping nurses navigate an increasingly complex healthcare environment. AzNA is the largest and most widely recognized professional nursing organization in Arizona with members from all practice roles and settings. While many organizations talk about what they will do for their members, AzNA has been delivering results benefiting nurses for over 85 years.</p> <p>Mission: "To advance, promote and protect the value, contributions and development of Arizona's professional nurses. "</p>	Quality, Legal, UM
Arizona Osteopathic Board	<p>The AZ Board of Osteopathic Examiners licenses and regulates over 1,800 doctors of osteopathic medicine (D.O.). In addition, the Board regulates over 200 osteopathic interns and residents receiving post-graduate training in Arizona hospitals and clinics.</p> <p>The mission of the Board is to protect the public by setting educational and training standards for licensure, and by reviewing complaints made against osteopathic physicians, interns, and residents to ensure that their conduct meets the standards of the profession, as defined in law (A.R.S. § 32-1854).</p>	Legal

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<u>Arizona State Board of Nursing</u>	<p>Our mission is to protect the public health, safety and welfare through the safe and competent practice of nurses and nursing assistants.</p> <p>The State Board of Nursing assures that standards of practice are met and that persons engaged in the practice of nursing are competent. It approves individuals for licensure, registration and certification, approves educational programs for nurses and nursing assistants, investigates complaints concerning licensee's compliance with the law, and determines and administers disciplinary actions in the event of proven violations of the Nurse Practice Act.</p>	Legal, Quality
<u>Arizona State Board of Pharmacy</u>	<p>The Arizona State Board of Pharmacy protects the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Arizona by regulating the practice of pharmacy and the distribution, sale and storage of prescription medications and devices and non-prescription medications. The Board accomplishes its mission by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing licenses to pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians, • Issuing permits to pharmacies, manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors, • Conducting compliance inspections of permitted facilities, and • Investigating complaints & adjudicating violations of applicable state and federal laws and rules. • Promulgating and reviewing state rules and regulations. 	Quality, Legal, UM
<u>Baldrige National Quality Program</u> - BNQP	<p>The Baldrige Award is given by the President of the United States to businesses—manufacturing and service, small and large—and to education and health care organizations that apply and are judged to be outstanding in seven areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; human resource focus; process management; and results.</p> <p>Malcolm Baldrige was Secretary of Commerce from 1981 until his death in a rodeo accident in July 1987. Baldrige was a proponent of quality management as a key to this country's prosperity and long-term strength. He took a personal interest in the quality improvement act that was eventually named after him and helped draft one of the early versions. In recognition of his contributions, Congress named the award in his honor.</p>	Quality, Legal

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - CDC	<p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is one of the 13 major operating components of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which is the principal agency in the United States government for protecting the health and safety of all Americans and for providing essential human services, especially for those people who are least able to help themselves.</p> <p>Since it was founded in 1946 to help control malaria, CDC has remained at the forefront of public health efforts to prevent and control infectious and chronic diseases, injuries, workplace hazards, disabilities, and environmental health threats. Today, CDC is globally recognized for conducting research and investigations and for its action oriented approach. CDC applies research and findings to improve people’s daily lives and responds to health emergencies—something that distinguishes CDC from its peer agencies.</p> <p>CDC is committed to achieving true improvements in people's health. To do this, the agency is defining specific health impact goals to prioritize and focus its work and investments and measure progress.</p>	Quality, Prevention
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services - CMS	<p>CMS' Mission: We assure health care security for beneficiaries.</p> <p>CMS' Vision: In serving beneficiaries, we will open our programs to full partnership with the entire health community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving health care system.</p> <p>CMS' Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and improve beneficiary health and satisfaction. • Foster appropriate and predictable payments and high quality care. • Promote understanding of CMS programs among beneficiaries, the health care community, and the public. • Promote the fiscal integrity of CMS programs and be an accountable steward of public funds. • Foster excellence in the design and administration of CMS programs. • Provide leadership in the broader health care marketplace to improve health. 	Legal, Quality
COLA	<p>COLA is the premier clinical laboratory education, consultation, and accreditation organization. The organization is an independent accreditor whose practical, educational standards have a positive and immediate impact. Available services enable clinical laboratories and staff to meet CLIA and other regulatory requirements, act in accordance with Quality Systems, and provide the best possible patient care.</p>	Quality, UM, UR
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities - CARF	<p>The mission of CARF is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served.</p> <p>Through responsiveness to a dynamic and diverse environment, CARF serves as a catalyst for improving the quality of life of the persons served by CARF-accredited organizations and the programs and services they provide.</p>	Quality, UM, UR

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Donor Network of Arizona - DNAZ	Donor Network of Arizona is the federally designated, not-for profit organ recovery organization for the state of Arizona. As a full-service organ, tissue, and eye recovery organization working cooperatively with Arizona hospitals, transplant centers and the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), Donor Network of Arizona participates in the equitable distribution of organs, tissues, and corneas for transplant. In addition, Donor Network of Arizona offers donor family support services, community and healthcare education, and presentations.	Quality, Utilization
Health and Medicine Directory	This site provides links to third party web sites on MedMark.org and are provided solely as a user feature. If you use these links, you will leave Medmark.org and enter a third party site. Medmark.org is not responsible for any of these sites or their content and does not endorse or make any representations about them, or any information, products or materials found there, or any results that may be obtained from using them. If you decide to access any of the third party sites linked to Medmark.org, you do this at your own risk.	Information
Healthcare Quality Certification Board - HQCB (of the National Association for Healthcare Quality)	The Healthcare Quality Certification Board is a globally recognized leader dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare by providing a valid process for assessing the competency of professionals in healthcare quality. The mission of the Healthcare Quality Certification Board is to improve the quality of healthcare by advancing the theory, practice and professional growth of healthcare quality professionals through a credible certification process.	Quality
HealthWeb	HealthWeb is a collaborative project of the health sciences libraries of the Greater Midwest Region (GMR) of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) and those of the Committee for Institutional Cooperation . Currently there are over twenty actively participating member libraries. This project is supported by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) under contract #N01-LM-6-3523 with the University of Illinois at Chicago.	Information
HIPAA Advisory (from Phoenix Health Systems)	Our HIPAA team is widely quoted by industry press, gives numerous presentations at national HIPAA conferences and has already performed HIPAA consulting at large provider organizations. Phoenix Health Systems is the HIMSS Knowledge Partner, presenting the Flash Sessions following the publication of each HIPAA rule.	Information
Hospital Public Reporting Project	<p>This website was created through the efforts of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) along with the Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA). The HQA is a public-private collaboration established to promote reporting on hospital quality of care. The HQA consists of organizations that represent consumers, hospitals, doctors, employers, accrediting organizations, and Federal agencies. The information on this website can be used by any adult needing hospital care.</p> <p>Hospital Compare has quality measures on how often hospitals provide some of the recommended care to get the best results for most patients. You will see some of the recommended care that an adult should get if being treated for a heart attack, heart failure or pneumonia, or having surgery.</p>	Quality, Information

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International Organization for Standardization (i.e., ISO 9000)	<p>Because "International Organization for Standardization" would have different abbreviations in different languages ("IOS" in English, "OIN" in French for <i>Organisation internationale de normalisation</i>), it was decided at the outset to use a word derived from the Greek isos, meaning "equal". Therefore, whatever the country, whatever the language, the short form of the organization's name is always ISO.</p> <p>How it all started: International standardization began in the electrotechnical field: the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) was established in 1906. Pioneering work in other fields was carried out by the International Federation of the National Standardizing Associations (ISA), which was set up in 1926. The emphasis within ISA was laid heavily on mechanical engineering. ISA's activities came to an end in 1942.</p> <p>In 1946, delegates from 25 countries met in London and decided to create a new international organization, of which the object would be "to facilitate the international coordination and unification of industrial standards". The new organization, ISO, officially began operations on 23 February 1947.</p>	Quality
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations - JCAHO	<p>The Joint Commission is an independent, not-for-profit organization, established more than 50 years ago. Joint Commission is governed by a board that includes physicians, nurses, and consumers. Joint Commission sets the standards by which health care quality is measured in America and around the world.</p> <p>Joint Commission evaluates the quality and safety of care for more than 15,000 health care organizations. To maintain and earn accreditation, organizations must have an extensive on-site review by a team of Joint Commission health care professionals, at least once every three years. The purpose of the review is to evaluate the organization's performance in areas that affect your care. Accreditation may then be awarded based on how well the organizations met Joint Commission standards.</p>	Quality, Information
Maricopa County Medical Society - MCMS	<p>The Maricopa County Medical Society was founded in February of 1892. The lack of any clear medical standards for practice, the lack of licensing criteria, and the need to share medical solutions to the pressing problems of frontier health care, were the motivating factors for the birth of this 110-year old physician organization.</p>	Quality
MEDNDX - Medical Search Engine	<p>This site provides links to obtain information about medical news and access to medical search tools.</p> <p>All information provided on this site, particularly any information relating to specific medical conditions, health care, preventive care, and healthy lifestyles, is presented for general informational purposes only. It should not be considered complete or exhaustive and does not cover all disorders or conditions or their treatment, nor all health-related issues.</p>	Information
NAHQ Affiliate Organizations	<p>This site provides links to organizations affiliated with the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ).</p>	Information
National Association for Healthcare Quality - NAHQ	<p>The National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) is the nation's leading organization for healthcare quality professionals. Founded in 1976, NAHQ currently comprises more than 5,000 individual members and 100 institutional members. Its goal is to promote the continuous improvement of quality in healthcare by providing educational and development opportunities for professionals at all management levels and within all healthcare settings.</p>	Quality

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National Committee for Quality Assurance - NCQA	<p>MISSION: To improve the quality of health care.</p> <p>VISION: To transform health care quality through measurement, transparency and accountability.</p> <p>CORE VALUES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our passion is improving the quality of health care. • We stand for accountability throughout the health care system. • NCQA's information empowers people to make informed decisions. • We are committed to providing excellent service to all customers, both internal and external. • We realize our mission through the invaluable commitment and contributions of diverse stakeholders. 	Quality, Utilization						
National Institute of Mental Health - NIMH	<p>The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is one of 27 components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Federal government's principal biomedical and behavioral research agency. NIH is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>NIMH Mission: The NIMH mission is to reduce the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior. This public health mandate demands that we harness powerful scientific tools to achieve better understanding, treatment, and eventually, prevention of these disabling conditions that affect millions of Americans.</p>	Quality, Information, Education, Research						
National Institutes of Health - NIH	<p>The National Institutes of Health (NIH), a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research.</p> <p>Helping to lead the way toward important medical discoveries that improve people's health and save lives, NIH scientists investigate ways to prevent disease as well as the causes, treatments, and even cures for common and rare diseases.</p>	Quality, Information, Education, Research						
NLM Databases and Electronic Resources	<p>This link will take you to the National Library of Medicines site that lists many online databases and other resources such as</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Clinical Trials</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NLM Catalog</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Medline Plus</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Visible Human Project</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">PubMed/Medline</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Clinical Trials	NLM Catalog	Medline Plus	Visible Human Project	PubMed/Medline		Information
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Pima County Medical Society - PCMS	<p>The purpose of the Society shall be to secure unity and harmony in the medical profession in Pima County; to bring together in one organization all reputable, ethical and competent physicians of Pima County for the purpose of maintaining high standards in the medical profession in Pima County, and for the purpose of promoting the respected high reputation to which the medical profession's history and achievement entitle it, and to promote the science and art of medicine; to develop a high type of ethical practice among its members; and to conserve and promote the public health.</p>	Information, Quality						

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Private Health Advice	<p>PrivateHealthAdvice website was formed to offer a unique reference point on how private healthcare works in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>PrivateHealthAdvice was founded by John Rowlinson, the founder of PtS. John, through PtS, is involved in a number of ventures including software and property companies. A small percentage of revenue from these activities goes towards funding PrivateHealthAdvice and a number of similar sites.</p> <p>There is no drive to generate profit and the focus is simply on creating the highest quality information possible that is widely read.</p> <p>A sample of topics found on the site include: NHS patient treatments in the private sector, employment in private hospitals, access to specialists in private health, and many more. The topics change regularly as new articles are published.</p>	Information, Service, Utilization
U.S Dept of Health and Human Services	<p>THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.</p>	Legal, Utilization