Acronym List

AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
AMA	American Medical Association
ASBAH	Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus
ASRM	American Society for Reproductive Medicine
ART	assisted reproductive technologies
BMP	bone mophogenetic protein
CDC	U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDF	Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [of the Roman Catholic Church]
CIRM	California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
CNS	central nervous system
DHEW	U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
DHHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [formerly the DHEW]
dpf	days post fertilization
DWA	Dickey-Wicker Amendment
EAB	Ethics Advisory Board [of the DHEW]
ESC	embryonic stem cell
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
GDP	gross domestic product
GERD	gross expenditures in R&D
hCCMED	human cell-culture models of early development
HERP	Human Embryo Research Panel [of the NIH]
hESC	human embryonic stem cell
HFEA	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
HFE Act	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act of 1990
iPS cell	induced pluripotent stem cell
IRB	institutional review board
ISSCR	International Society for Stem Cell Research
IUD	intrauterine devices
IVF	in vitro fertilization
JDRF	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
MRC	U.K. Medical Research Council
mRNA	messenger RNA

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MYA	million years ago
NASEM	National Academies of Science, Engineering ,and Medicine
NBAC	National Bioethics Advisory Commission [Clinton administration]
NCPHSBBR	National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research
NIH	U.S. National Institutes of Health
NGO	nongovernmental organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OTA	Congressional Office of Technology Assessment
PCB	President's Council on Bioethics [George W. Bush administration]
PCEMBBR	President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research [Carter and Reagan administrations]
PCP	planar cell polarity
PCSBI	Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues [Obama administration]
R&D	research and development
SHEEFs	synthetic human entities with embryo-like features
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization