

Dosage Form

amp(s)	ampule(s)
cap(s)	capsule(s)
cr	cream
el ; elix	elixir
fl	fluid
liq	liquid
lot	lotion
pulv	powder
sol; soln	solution
spr	spray
supp	suppository
susp	suspension
syr	syrup
tab(s)	tablet(s)
tinc	tincture
ung	ointment

System of Measure

cc ; cm ³	cubic centimeter (liquid)
fl oz ; $\frac{\pi}{8}$	fluid ounce (liquid)
g ; gm	gram (solid)
gr	grain (solid)
gtt(s)	drop(s) (liquid)
IU	International Unit (solid)
mcg	microgram (solid)
kg	kilogram (solid)
L	Liter (liquid)
mEq	milliequivalent (solid)
mg	milligram (solid)
mL	milliliter (liquid)
oz	ounce (solid)
t ; tsp ; $\frac{\pi}{8}$	teaspoonful (liquid)
T ; tbsp	tablespoonful (liquid)
u	unit (liquid)

Medication

APAP	acetaminophen
ASA	aspirin
Ca	Calcium
Epi	Epinephrine
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
IBU	ibuprofen
KCl	potassium chloride
MSO ₄	morphine sulfate
Na	sodium
NaF	sodium fluoride
NS	normal saline
ntg	nitroglycerine
PCN	penicillin
PB	phenobarbital
SMZ/TMP	(generic) Bactrim ³
TCN	Tetracycline

Frequency

ac	before meals
AM	in the morning
ad lib	as often as necessary
ASAP	immediately
atc	around the clock
bid	twice daily
d	daily
h ; hr ; ⁰	hour, <i>on the hour of</i>
hs	at bedtime
noc	at night
p	after
pc	after meals
PM	in the evening
q	every
qid	four times daily
qod	every other day
q*h	every * hours ²
stat	immediately
tid	three times daily
wk	weekly

Route of Administration

ad	use as directed ¹
ad	right ear ¹
as	left ear
au	both ears
ien	in each nostril
IM	intramuscularly
inj	inject
IV	intravenously
loc	locally
po	by mouth
od	right eye
os	left eye
ou	both eyes
pr	rectally
sc ; subQ ; SQ	under the skin
sL	under the tongue
top	on the skin
ud	use as directed
vag	vaginally

Miscellaneous

a	apply
aa	affected area(s)
aff	affected
BC	birth control
c	with
DC	discontinue
DS	double-strength
EC	enteric coated
ES	extra strength

Miscellaneous (cont.)

HA	headache
NKA ; NKDA	no known drug allergies
NR	no refills
n/v	nausea/vomiting
pa	pain
s	without
SS	single-strength ¹
sob	shortness of breath
ug	until gone

¹Certain sig codes have multiple meanings

²For example: q8h : "every 8 hours"

³Sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim