

| Abbreviation | Meaning |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| aa | Of each |
| a.c. | Before meals |
| ad | Right ear |
| ad lib | As desired |
| amp | Ampule |
| amt | Amount |
| aq | Water |
| ASA | Aspirin |
| ATC | Around the clock |
| AU | Both ears |
| BID | Twice daily |
| BM | Bowel movement |
| BP | Blood pressure |
| BSA | Body surface area |
| BUN | Blood urea nitrogen |
| cap | Capsule |
| cc | Cubic centimeter |
| cf | With food |
| CHF | Congestive heart failure |
| CMP | Comprehensive metabolic panel |
| cr | Cream |
| CS | Controlled substance |
| CVA | Stroke |
| DAW | Dispense as written |
| d/c | Discontinue |
| dil | Dilute |
| disp | Dispense |
| DM | Diabetes mellitus |
| D5W | 5% dextrose in water |
| D5NS | 5% dextrose in normal saline |
| DS | Double strength |
| EC | Enteric-coated |
| elix | Elixir |
| ER | Extended release |

| Abbreviation | Meaning |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| ETOH | Alcohol |
| fl | Fluid |
| g | Gram |
| GFR | Glomerular filtration rate |
| gtt | Drop |
| H | Hour |
| HBP | High blood pressure |
| Hct | Hematocrit |
| HIV | Human immunodeficiency virus |
| HS | At bedtime |
| ICU | Intensive care unit |
| ID | Intradermal |
| IM | Intramuscular |
| inh | Inhalation |
| inj | Injection |
| IP | Intraperitoneal |
| IV | Intravenous |
| IVP | IV push |
| IVPB | IV piggyback |
| KVO | Keep vein open |
| LA | Long-acting |
| lb | Pound |
| liq | Liquid |
| lot | Lotion |
| LPM | Liters per minute |
| LR | Lactated Ringer's |
| mcg | Microgram |
| mEq | Milliequivalent |
| mg | Milligram |
| mL | Milliliter |
| MMR | Measles-mumps-rubella vaccine |
| MOM | Milk of magnesia |
| MRSA | Drug-resistant staph infection |
| MS | Morphine sulfate |

| Abbreviation | Meaning |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| NKA | No known allergies |
| NKDA | No known drug allergies |
| NPO | Nothing by mouth |
| NS | Normal saline |
| NSR | Normal sinus rhythm |
| NTG | Nitroglycerin |
| o.d. | Right eye |
| o.s. | Left eye |
| o.u. | Both eyes |
| OTC | Over the counter |
| p.c. | After meals |
| p.m. | Evening |
| PO | By mouth |
| PR | Per rectum |
| PRN | As needed |
| PT | Patient |
| q | Every |
| q2h | Every 2 hours |
| q4h | Every 4 hours |
| q6h | Every 6 hours |
| q8h | Every 8 hours |
| QHS | Every night at bedtime |
| QID | Four times daily |
| qs | Quantity sufficient |
| Rx | Prescription |
| SL | Sublingual |
| sos | If necessary |
| susp | Suspension |
| supp | Suppository |
| tab | Tablet |
| TID | Three times daily |
| top | Topical |
| tsp | Teaspoon |
| tbsp | Tablespoon |

| Abbreviation | Meaning |
|--------------|-----------------|
| UTD | Use as directed |
| VO | Verbal order |
| w/ | With |
| w/o | Without |
| wt | Weight |
| yo | Year old |
| Zn | Zinc |