

## Partial list of prescription abbreviations

Abbreviation	Latin	Meaning
<b><i>Dose Related</i></b>		
ad lib.	Ad libitum	use as much as one desires; freely
bol.	<b>bolus</b>	as a large single dose (usually intravenously)
d.t.d.	dentur tales doses	give of such doses
N.M.T.		not more than
N.T.E.		not to exceed
q.s.	quantum sufficiat	a sufficient quantity
s.a.	secundum artum	use your judgement
<b><i>Route of Administration</i></b>		
admov.	admove	Apply (usually relating skin/external body area)
a.d	Auris dextra	right ear
a.l., a.s.	auris laeva, auris sinistra	left ear
a.u.	auris utraque	both ears
ID		Intradermal
IM		intramuscular (with respect to injections)
BUCC	buccal	inside cheek
H		hypodermic
IP		intraperitoneal
IV		Intravenous
IVP		intravenous push
IVPB		intravenous piggyback
o <sub>2</sub>		both eyes, sometimes written as o <sub>2</sub>
o.d.	oculus dexter	right eye
o.s.	oculus sinister	left eye
o.u.	oculus uterque	both eyes
p.r.		by rectum
R		Rectal
p.o.	per os	by mouth or orally
SC, subc, subcut, subq, SQ		Subcutaneous
SL		sublingually, under the tongue
top.		Topical
vag., PV		Vaginally

**Time Related**

alt. h.	alternis horis	every other hour
a.m.	Ante Meridiem	
A.T.C.		around the clock
b.d./b.i.d.	bis in die	twice daily
Bis	bis	Twice
dieb. alt.; alt. die	diebus alternis	every other day
h, hr	hora	Hour
h.s.	hora somni	at bedtime
noct.	nocte	at night
od	omni die	Once daily
p.m.	Post Meridiem	p.m.
Prn	pro re nata	as needed
Q	quaque	Every
q.a.d.	quoque alternis die	every other day
q.a.m.	quaque die ante meridiem	every day before noon
q.d.s.	quater die sumendus	four times a day
q.p.m.	quaque die post meridiem	every day after noon
q.h.	quaque hora	every hour
q.h.s.	quaque hora somni	every night at bedtime
X		Times
q.1h	quaque 1 hora	every 1 hour; (can replace "1" with other numbers)
q.d.	quaque die	every day
q.i.d.	quater in die	four times a day
q.o.d.		every other day
qqh	quater quaque hora	every four hours
QWK		every week
Q12H		Every twelve (12) hours
Q6H		Every six (6) hours
Q8H		Every eight (8) hours)
Stat	statim	immediately
t.i.d.	ter in die	three times a day
t.d.s.	ter die sumendum	three times a day
t.i.w.		three times a week
n/7		E.g. 5/7 indicates drug is given for 5 consecutive days
n/52	-	E.g. 2/52 indicates drug is given for 2 consecutive weeks

n/12	-	E.g. 2/12 indicates drug is given for 2 consecutive months. Note number of days in each month is to be calculated as 30 days

***Dosage Form Related***

Amp		Ampoule
cap., caps.	capsula	Capsule
cr., crm		cream
elix.		elixir
emuls.	emulsum	emulsion
gtt(s)	gutta(e)	drop(s)
inj.	injectio	injection
Lin	linimentum	liniment
Liq	liquor	solution
lot.		lotion
Nebul	nebula	a spray
pulv.	pulvis	powder
Sol	solutio	solution
Supp	suppositorium	suppository
Susp		suspension
Syr	syrupus	syrup
Troche	trochiscus	lozenge
tr, tinc., tinct.		tincture
ung.	unguentum	ointment

***Unit of Measurement***

G		gram
Gr		grain
m, min	minimum	a minimum
mcg		microgram
mEq		milliequivalent
mg		milligram
mL		millilitre
oz		ounce
tbsp		tablespoon
tsp		teaspoon

***Common Instructions***

Ad	ad	up to
a.c.	ante cibum	before meals
C	cum	with (usually written with a bar on top of the "c")
C	cibos	Food
Cc	cum cibos	with food, (but also cubic centimetre)
Cf		with food
M.Ft.	Misce fiat	Mix and make
Mitte	mitte	send
Per	per	by or through
p.c.	post cibum	after meals
rep., rept.	repetatur	repeats
Sig		write on label
u.d., ut. dict.	ut dictum	as directed

### ***Other Abbreviations and Instructions***

Aa	ana	of each
Agit	agita	stir/shake
Amt		Amount
Aq	aqua	Water
B.M.		bowel movement
B.S.		blood sugar
B.S.A		body surface areas
comp.		compound
D5W		dextrose 5% solution (sometimes written as D5W)
D5NS		dextrose 5% in normal saline (0.9%)
D.A.W.		dispense as written
dc, D/C, disc		discontinue
dil.		dilute
disp.		dispense
div.		divide
D.W.		distilled water
e.m.p.	ex modo prescripto	as directed
Et	et	and
ex aq	ex aqua	in water
fl., fld.		fluid
ft.	fiat	make, let it be made

L.A.S.		label as such
LCD		coal tar solution
m.d.u.	more dicto utendus	to be used as directed
mist.	mistura	mix
non rep.	non repetatur	no repeats
NS		normal saline (0.9%)
1/2NS		half normal saline (0.45%)
RL, R/L		Ringer's lactate
S	sine	without (usually written with a bar on top of the "s")
s.o.s., si op. sit	si opus sit	if there is a need
SS	semis	one half
tal., t	talus	such
T.P.N.		total parenteral nutrition
U.S.P.		United States Pharmacopoeia
w		with
w/o		without
Y.O.		years old