

Glossary of Prescribed Medicine Abbreviations

Medicine Form

Amp. = Ampules (elongated glass container of liquid medication)
Cap. = Capsules (gel caps, time release caps, solid caplets)
Elix. = Elixir (liquid)
hypo. = hypodermically (injection)
I.D. = intradermal (injection in skin)
I.M. = intramuscular (injection in muscle)
inf. = infusion (I.V. infusion)
Inhalant = medication administered per nose and/or mouth via mist
I.V. = intravenously (in vein)
patche = skin cover for medication or for test
per os/P.O. = by mouth
P.R. = per rectum
Pulv = powder
S.L. = Sublingual (under the tongue)
s.q./subq/S.C. = subcutaneous (under the skin)
syr = syrup
Tab = Tablet
tr = tincture
ung = ointment
vial = container (small) of sealed liquid medication usually for injections

When or How Often a Medicine is Administered

a.c. = before meals
ad. lib = as desired
b.d. = twice a day
b.i.d. = twice a day
b.i.n. = twice a night
H. = hour
h.s. = at bedtime
non rep. = don't repeat
noxt. = at night
p.c. = after food (after meals)
p.r.n. = as needed (as desired)
q.h. = every hour
q = every
q 2h = every 2 hours
q.d. = every day
q.i.d. = four times a day
q.o.d. = every other day
rep. = let it be repeated
stat. = immediately
t.i.d. = three times a day

Dosage or Strength of a Medicine

cc. = cubic centimeter (injections and liquid medications are measured in cc.)

dr. = drams 27 gr = 1 dram 8 drams = 1 oz.

fl. oz. = fluid ounce

gm or g = gram

gr = grain

gtt = drops

Kg = Kilogram

M² = square meter

mEq = milliequivalent (weight of substance in 1 milliliter)

mg = milligram 1000 mg = 1 gm

mcg = microgram

ml = milliliter 1000 ml = 1 Liter

mm = millimeter 1000 mm = 1 meter

L. = Liter 1.0567 quarters = 1 Liter

Miscellaneous

a or aa = of each

AP = apical pulse

aq. = water

ASAP = as soon as possible

\overline{C} = centigrade

\overline{c} = with

CO₂ = carbon dioxide

comp = compound

dil = dilute

et = and

F = Fahrenheit

Fx = fracture

G = gauge

GI = gastrointestinal

I.O. = intake and output

lauage = to wash out cavities (wounds)

Na = sodium

NG tube = nasal gastric tube for feeding [sizes in French (i.e., French 18)]

NS/NA C1 = normal saline (Sodium Chloride Solution)

O₂ = oxygen

o.d. = right eye

o.s. = left eye

o.u. = both eyes

pads = sterile or non-sterile coverings

\overline{s} = without

S.O.B. = short of breath

sp. gr. = specific gravity

ss = half

\overline{T} = one tablet

T = temperature

T.O. = telephone order

$\overline{\overline{T}}$ = two tablets