



Abbreviations - Prescriptions and Directions:

aa - of each
ac - before meals
AD - * right ear
Ad lib - as desired
AM - morning
amp - ampule
Amt - amount
Aq - aqueous (water)
AS* - left ear
AU* - both ears
BID - twice daily; two times daily
Cap - capsule
cc* - cubic centimeter; milliliter
elix - elixir
Gal - gallon
Gm - gram
Gr - grain
Hr - hour
Hs - bedtime
ID - intradermal
IM - intramuscular
IU* - international units
IV - intravenous
IVPG - Intravenous piggyback
Kg - kilogram
Liq - liquid
mcg - microgram
mg - milligram
mL - milliliter
mmHg - millimeters of mercury
mmol - milliosmol
mosml - milliosmol
NG - nasogastric
OD* right eye; once daily
OS* - left eye

OU* - both eyes
Oz - ounce
pc -after meals
PCA - patient controlled analgesia
PO - per os; by mouth; orally
PR - per rectum
PRN - pro re naja; whenever, necessary; as needed
QD* - everyday; once daily
QHS* - every bedtime; nightly at bedtime

QID* - four times daily; four times a day
QOD* - every other day
qs - quantity sufficient; as much as desired
QS -every shift
R - rectal
s - without
SC* - subcutaneous
Sig - directions for use
sl - sublingual
SQ* - subcutaneous
ss* - sliding scale; one-half
stat - immediately
SubQ* - subcutaneous
Supp - suppository
Syr - syrup
Tab - tablet
Tbsp - tablespoon
TID* - three times daily; three times a day
Tinct- tincture
TIW* - three times weekly
TO - telephone order
tsp - teaspoon
U* - unit
ud - as directed
µg* - microgram
ung - ointment
VO -verbal order