

## Master List of Prescription Abbreviations

| Abbreviation  | From the Latin              | Meaning  |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| aa            | ana                         | of each  |
| ad            | ad                          | up to  |
| a.c.          | ante cibum                  | before meals   |
| a.d.          | aurio dextra                | right ear  |
| ad lib.       | ad libitum                  | use as much as one desires; freely                           |
| admov.        | admove                      | apply  |
| agit          | agita                       | stir/shake   |
| alt. h.       | alternis horis              | every other hour   |
| a.m.          | ante meridiem               | morning, before noon   |
| amp           |                             | ampule   |
| amt           |                             | amount   |
| aq            | aqua                        | water  |
| a.l., a.s.    | aurio laeva, aurio sinister | left ear   |
| A.T.C.        |                             | around the clock   |
| a.u.          | auris utrae                 | both ears  |
| bis           | bis                         | twice  |
| b.i.d.        | bis in die                  | twice daily  |
| B.M.          |                             | bowel movement   |
| bol.          | bolus                       | as a large single dose (usually intravenously)               |
| B.S.          |                             | blood sugar  |
| B.S.A         |                             | body surface areas   |
| cap., caps.   | capsula                     | capsule  |
| 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  |
| comp.         |                             | compound   |
| cr., crm      |                             | cream  |
| D5W           |                             | dextrose 5% solution (sometimes written as D <sub>5</sub> W) |
| D5NS          |                             | dextrose 5% in normal saline (0.9%)                          |
| D.A.W.        |                             | dispense as written  |
| dc, D/C, disc |                             | discontinue  |
| dieb. alt.    | diebus alternis             | every other day  |
| dil.          |                             | dilute   |

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| disp.     |                    | dispense                                   |
| div.      |                    | divide                                     |
| d.t.d.    | dentur tales doses | give of such doses                         |
| D.W.      |                    | distilled water                            |
| elix.     |                    | elixir                                     |
| e.m.p.    | ex modo prescripto | as directed                                |
| emuls.    | emulsum            | emulsion                                   |
| et        | et                 | and  |
| ex aq     | ex aqua            | in water                                   |
| fl., fld. |                    | fluid                                      |
| ft.       | fiat               | make; let it be made                       |
| g         |                    | gram                                       |
| gr        |                    | grain                                      |
| gtt(s)    | gutta(e)           | drop(s)                                    |
| H         |                    | hypodermic                                 |
| h, hr     | hora               | hour                                       |
| h.s.      | hora somni         | at bedtime                                 |
| ID        |                    | intra dermal                               |
| IM        |                    | intramuscular (with respect to injections) |
| inj.      | injectio           | injection                                  |
| IP        |                    | intraperitoneal                            |
| IV        |                    | intravenous                                |
| IVP       |                    | intravenous push                           |
| IVPB      |                    | intravenous piggyback                      |
| L.A.S.    |                    | label as such                              |
| LCD       |                    | coal tar solution                          |
| lin       | linimentum         | liniment                                   |
| liq       | liquor             | solution                                   |
| lot.      |                    | lotion                                     |
| M.        | misce              | mix  |
| m, min    | minimum            | a minimum                                  |
| mcg       |                    | microgram                                  |
| mEq       |                    | milliequivalent                            |
| mg        |                    | milligram                                  |
| mist.     | mistura            | mix  |
| mitte     | mitte              | send                                       |

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| mL          |                          | millilitre   |
| nebul       | nebula                   | a spray  |
| N.M.T.      |                          | not more than  |
| noct.       | nocte                    | at night   |
| non rep.    | non repetatur            | no repeats   |
| NS          |                          | normal saline (0.9%)                                   |
| 1/2NS       |                          | half normal saline (0.45%)                             |
| N.T.E.      |                          | not to exceed  |
| o_2         |                          | 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  |
| oz          |                          | ounce  |
| per         | per                      | by or through  |
| p.c.        | post cibum               | after meals  |
| p.m.        | post meridiem            | evening or afternoon                                   |
| prn         | pro re nata              | as needed  |
| p.o.        | per os                   | by mouth or orally                                     |
| p.r.        |                          | by rectum  |
| pulv.       | pulvis                   | powder   |
| q           | quaque                   | every  |
| q.a.d.      | quoque alternis die      | every other day  |
| q.a.m.      | quaque die ante meridiem | every day before noon                                  |
| q.h.        | quaque hora              | every hour   |
| q.h.s.      | quaque hora somni        | every night at bedtime                                 |
| 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                                       |
| q.s.        | quantum sufficiat        | a sufficient quantity                                  |
| R           |                          | rectal   |
| rep., rept. | repetatur                | repeats  |
| RL, R/L     |                          | Ringer's lactate                                       |
| s           | sine                     | without (usually written with a bar on top of the "s") |

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| s.a.                   | secundum artum   | use your judgement             |
| SC, subc, subq, subcut |                  | subcutaneous                   |
| sig                    |                  | write on label                 |
| SL                     |                  | sublingually, under the tongue |
| sol                    | solutio          | solution                       |
| s.o.s., si op. sit     | si opus sit      | if there is a need             |
| ss                     | semis            | one half                       |
| stat                   | statim           | immediately                    |
| supp                   | suppositorium    | suppository                    |
| susp                   |                  | suspension                     |
| syr                    | syrupus          | syrup                          |
| tab                    | tabella          | tablet                         |
| tal., t                | talus            | such                           |
| tbsp                   |                  | tablespoon                     |
| troche                 | trochiscus       | lozenge                        |
| tsp                    |                  | teaspoon                       |
| 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             |
| top.                   |                  | topical                        |
| T.P.N.                 |                  | total parenteral nutrition     |
| tr, tinc., tinct.      |                  | tincture                       |
| u.d., ut. dict.        | ut dictum        | as directed                    |
| ung.                   | unguentum        | ointment                       |
| U.S.P.                 |                  | United States Pharmacopoeia    |
| vag                    |                  | vaginally                      |
| w                      |                  | with                           |
| w/o                    |                  | without                        |
| X                      |                  | times                          |
| Y.O.                   |                  | years old                      |