

COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

am	..... of each	etd	..... and so on.
bm	..... before meals	EtOH	..... alcohol
bd	..... right ear	exp	..... expired
bd. bis	..... as desired	ext.	..... extract, external
bl	..... left ear	F	..... Fahrenheit
AM	..... morning; before noon	FBS	..... fasting blood sugar
amt.	..... amount	fm	..... from
ANDA	..... Abbreviated New Drug Application	fl	..... fluid
ante	..... before	flair	..... fluid air
APAP	..... acetaminophen	fluid	..... fluid
aq	..... water; aqueous	fluc	..... let there be made
as	..... left ear	FUO	..... fever of unknown origin
ASA	..... aspirin	gm	..... gram
asx	..... both ears	grain	..... grain
AUC	..... area under the curve	gtt	..... a drop
bid	..... twice a day	gtt.	..... drops
biw	..... twice weekly	H₂O	..... water
BMR	..... basal metabolism rate	HDL-C	..... high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol
bp	..... boiling point	Hct	..... hematocrite
BP	..... blood pressure	Hb , Hb , hr	..... hemoglobin
C	..... Centigrade	hs	..... all bedtime, hour of sleep
c	..... with	hist	..... history
Ca	..... calcium	I&V	..... intramuscular
cap(s)	..... capsule(s)	INDA	..... Investigational New Drug Application
cath	..... catheter	inh.	..... inhalation
CBC	..... complete blood count	INR	..... international
cc	..... cubic centimeter	inj.	..... injection
chol	..... cholesterol	IPPB	..... intermittent positive pressure breathing
Cl	..... chloride	IV	..... intravenous
cm	..... centimeter	IV	..... intravenous
C_{max}	..... maximum effective plasma concentration	kg	..... kilogram
C_{min}	..... minimum effective plasma concentration	KMnO₄ sol	..... potassium permanganate solution
c/o	..... complaints of	L	..... liver, left, post left chest
comp	..... compounded of	Lb	..... pound
CV	..... cardiovascular	LDL-C	..... low-density lipoprotein-cholesterol
diag.	..... diagnosis	kg	..... kilogram
dil	..... dilute	MAOIs	..... monoamine oxidase inhibitor
disch	..... discharge	mcg	..... microgram
disp	..... dispense	MDI	..... metered dose inhaler
dr	..... dram	mEq	..... milliequivalent
drop(s)	..... dropt(s)		
dx	..... diagnosis		
EENT	..... Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat		