

## COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

<b>mgL, mgmL</b>	milligram	<b>qd</b>	as much as desired
<b>Mg</b>	magnesium	<b>od</b>	every other day
<b>MgSO<sub>4</sub></b>	magnesium sulfate	<b>os</b>	a sufficient quantity
<b>ml</b>	milliliter	<b>q4h</b>	quarter
<b>mm</b>	millimeter	<b>qo7</b>	once per week
<b>MgO</b>	oxide of magnesium	<b>Rx/O</b>	rule out
<b>MgSO<sub>4</sub></b>	morphine sulfate	<b>Rx</b>	prescription-only
<b>Na</b>	sodium	<b>sat</b>	saturated
<b>NaCl</b>	sodium chloride	<b>SC, SCQ</b>	subcutaneously
<b>NDA</b>	New Drug Application	<b>tab</b>	tablet; let it be printed
<b>neg</b>	negative	<b>tab</b>	shortness of breath
<b>NKA</b>	no-known allergies	<b>sol</b>	solution
<b>No.</b>	number	<b>solv</b>	dissolve
<b>noct</b>	in the night	<b>soe</b>	if necessary or required
<b>omd</b>	mouth	<b>soi</b>	one half
<b>NPOT</b>	no refill	<b>stat</b>	immediately
<b>NSAID</b>	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug	<b>supp</b>	suppository
<b>od</b>	right eye	<b>susp</b>	suspension
<b>ointment</b>	ointment	<b>sys</b>	systemic
<b>ol</b>	left eye	<b>T<sub>max</sub></b>	peak
<b>os</b>	left eye	<b>tab(s)</b>	tablets
<b>otc</b>	over-the-counter	<b>tbasp</b>	tablespoonful
<b>P</b>	pulse, point	<b>temp</b>	temperature
<b>PB</b>	phenobarbital	<b>tid</b>	three times per day
<b>pc</b>	after meals	<b>thw</b>	three times per week
<b>per</b>	by	<b>T<sub>max</sub></b>	time to maximum concentration
<b>PI</b>	Package Insert	<b>top</b>	topically
<b>PiH</b>	evening; after noon	<b>TPN</b>	total parenteral nutrition
<b>po</b>	by mouth; orally	<b>tr, tinct</b>	tincture
<b>PPB</b>	Patient Package Insert	<b>tab</b>	tablespoonful
<b>pm</b>	as needed; whenever necessary	<b>ad</b>	as directed
<b>pt</b>	patient, part	<b>UD</b>	unit-dose package
<b>powd</b>	powder	<b>oinst</b>	ointment
<b>powdr</b>	powder	<b>URI</b>	upper respiratory infection
<b>q</b>	every	<b>USP</b>	United States Pharmacopoeia
<b>q4h</b>	every 4 hours	<b>UTI</b>	urinary tract infection
<b>q6h</b>	every 6 hours	<b>vag</b>	vaginal
<b>qd</b>	every day	<b>VO</b>	verbal order
<b>qh, qhr</b>	every hour	<b>vol</b>	volume
<b>qid</b>	four times per day	<b>VS</b>	vital signs
<b>qtw</b>	four times per week	<b>wa</b>	while awake
		<b>wt</b>	weight
		<b>x</b>	times