

COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

aa	..... of each
ac	..... before meals
ad	..... right ear
ad lib	..... as desired
al	..... left ear
AM	..... morning; before noon
amt	..... amount
ANDA	..... Abbreviated New Drug Application
ante	..... before
APAP	..... acetaminophen
aq	..... water; aqueous
as	..... left ear
ASA	..... aspirin
au	..... both ears
AUC	..... area under the curve
bid	..... twice a day
biw	..... twice weekly
BMR	..... basal metabolism rate
bp	..... boiling point
BP	..... blood pressure
C	..... Centigrade
c	..... with
Ca	..... calcium
cap(s)	..... capsule(s)
cath	..... catheter
CBC	..... complete blood count
cc	..... cubic centimeter
chol	..... cholesterol
Cl	..... chloride
cm	..... centimeter
C _{max}	..... maximum effective plasma concentration
C _{min}	..... minimum effective plasma concentration
c/o	..... complains of
comp	..... compounded of
CV	..... cardiovascular
diag	..... diagnosis
dil	..... dilute
disch	..... discharge
disp	..... dispense
dr	..... dram
drop(s)	..... drop(s)
Dx	..... diagnosis
EENT	..... Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat

etc	..... and so on
EtOH	..... alcohol
exp	..... expired
ext	..... extract, external
F	..... Fabrenheit
FBS	..... fasting blood sugar
Fe	..... iron
f	..... fluid
f dr	..... fluidram
f oc	..... fluid ounce
ft	..... let there be made
FUO	..... fever of unknown origin
g, gm	..... gram
gr	..... grain
gt	..... a drop
gtt	..... drops
H ₂ O	..... water
HDL-C	..... high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol
HR	..... heart rate
H, h, hr	..... hour
hs	..... at bedtime, hour of sleep
Hx	..... history
IM	..... intramuscular
INDA	..... Investigational New Drug Application
inh	..... inhalation
INH	..... isoniazid
inj	..... injection
IPPB	..... intermittent positive pressure breathing
IU	..... international units
IV	..... intravenous
kg	..... kilogram
KMnO ₄ sol	..... potassium permanganate solution
L	..... liter, left, put left first
lb	..... pound
LDL-C	..... low-density lipoprotein-cholesterol
liq	..... liquid
MAOI	..... monoamine oxidase inhibitor
mcg	..... microgram
MDI	..... metered dose inhaler
mEq	..... milliequivalent