

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
ac	Before meals
ACEI	Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor
a.d.	Right ear
ADL's	Activities of daily living
ADR	Adverse drug reaction
aer	Aerosol
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase
ant	Anterior
A.M.	Morning, before noon
AP	anteroposterior
APAP	Acetaminophen
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase
au	Each ear
AWP	Average wholesale price
bid	Twice daily, two times a day
bm	Bowel movement
BP	Blood pressure
BPH	Benign prostatic hypertrophy
BUN	Blood urea nitrogen
Bx, bx	Biopsy
c	With
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CBC	Complete blood count
CCB	Calcium channel blocker
CHD	Coronary heart disease
CHF	Congestive heart failure
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPK	Creatine phosphokinase
CQI	Continuous quality improvement
Cr	Cream
CT scan, CAT scan	Computed (axial) tomography scan
CT	Computed tomography
CV	Cardiovascular

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CXR	Chest x-ray
Disp	Dispense
DSA	Digital subtraction angiography
dtd	Give of such doses
Dx	Diagnosis
DUR	Drug utilization review
EC	Enteric coated
Elix	Elixir
ER	Extended release
g, gm	gram
GERD	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
GI	Gastrointestinal
gr.	Grain
gtt	Drop
h	hour
HA	headache
HbA1c	Hemoglobin A1c
HDL	High density lipoprotein
HMG-CoA	3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A
HR	Heart rate
hs	Bedtime
HTN	Hypertension
IM	Intramuscular
Inh	Inhale
Inj	Injection
INR	International normalizing ratio
IOP	Intraocular pressure
IU	International units
K	Potassium
Kg	Kilogram
LAT, lat	lateral
LDL	Low density lipoprotein
LFT	Liver function test
LLQ	Left lower quadrant

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LUQ	Left upper quadrant
µg	Microgram
MAOI	Monoamine oxidase inhibitor
mcg	Microgram
MDI	Metered dose inhaler
Mg	Milligram
MI	Myocardial infarction
ml	Milliliter
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
NMT	Not more than
NSAID	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
od	Right eye
os	Left eye
otc	Over-the-counter
ou	Each eye
PA	Posteroanterior; pernicious anemia
pc	After meals
PET	Positron emission tomography
PMS	Premenstrual syndrome
po	By mouth, orally
post	posterior
PPI	Patient package insert or Proton Pump Inhibitor
pr	Per rectum, rectally
prn	As needed
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease
pv	Per vagina, intravaginally
q	Every
qd	Every day
qh	Every hour
qid	Four times daily
qod	Every other day
qs	A sufficient quantity
qs ad	A sufficient quantity to make
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis

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RLQ	Right lower quadrant
R.Ph.	Registered pharmacist
RR	Respiratory rate
RUQ	Right upper quadrant
Rx	Prescription only
s	Without
SC	Subcutaneously
sf	Sugar free
Sig	Label
sl	Sublingually, under the tongue
sol, soln	Solution
sono	Sonogram
SPECT	Single photon emission computed tomography
SPF	Sun protection factor
SR	Sustained release
ss	One-half
SSRI	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
Stat	Immediately, at once
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
supp	Suppository
susp	Suspension
Sx	Symptom
Syr	Syrup, syringe (could be either)
Tab	Tablet
TB	Tuberculosis
TC	Total cholesterol
TCA	Tricyclic antidepressant
TG	Total triglyceride
TIA	Transient ischemic attack
tid	Three times daily
Tbsp	tablespoonful
top	Topically
TQM	Total quality management
tsp	teaspoonful

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
Tx	Treatment
U	Unit
ud	As directed
U&L, U/L	Upper and lower
ung	Ointment
URI	Upper respiratory infection
US	Ultrasound
UTI	Urinary tract infection
vag	Vaginally, vaginal
wa	While awake
WBC	White blood cell count
wk	Week
wt	Weight