

Acceptable alternative to writing out in full in English

Meaning	Abbreviation
Dose frequency or timing	
(in the) morning	mane
(at) night	nocte
twice a day	bd
three times a day	tds
four times a day	qid
every 4 hours	every 4 hrs, 4 hourly, 4 hrly
every 6 hours	every 6 hrs, 6 hourly, 6 hrly
every 8 hours	every 8 hrs, 8 hourly, 8 hrly
when required	prn
immediately	stat
Dose forms	
capsule	cap
injection	inj
metered dose inhaler	inhaler, MDI
ointment	oint
patient controlled analgesia	PCA
pessary	pess
suppository	supp
tablet	tab

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Route of administration	
intramuscular	IM
intravenous	IV
naso-gastric	NG
nebulised	neb
oral	PO
percutaneous enteral gastrostomy	PEG
per rectum	PR
per vagina	PV
peripherally inserted central catheter	PICC
subcutaneous	subcut
sublingual	subling
Units of measure and concentration	
gram(s)	g
litre(s)	L
milligram(s)	mg
millilitre(s)	mL
microgram(s)	microg
millimole	mmol
percentage	%