

# Acceptable abbreviations

Meaning	Abbreviation
<b>Dose frequency or timing</b>	
(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
<b>Dose forms</b>	
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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<b>Route of administration</b>	
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

<b>Units of measure and concentration</b>	
gram(s)	g
litre(s)	L
milligram(s)	mg
millilitre(s)	mL
microgram(s)	microg
millimole	mmol
percentage	%



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