| **Abbreviation or symbol** | [**Latin**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classical_Latin)**, [Greek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greek" \o "Ancient Greek), or**[**New Latin**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Latin) | [**English**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_language) | **Possible confusion** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| aa, āā, ĀĀ | ana | of each |  |
| AAA |  | apply to affected area | [abdominal aortic aneurysm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abdominal_aortic_aneurysm) |
| a.c. | ante cibum | before meals |  |
| a.c.h.s., ac&hs | ante cibum et hora somni | before meals and at bedtime |  |
| a.d. | auris dextra | right ear | A [single-storey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A#Typographic_variants) "a" can be mistaken as an "o" which could read "o.d.", meaning right eye |
| ad., add. | adde addatur | add let there be added |  |
| ad lib. | [ad libitum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ad_libitum) | Latin, "[at one's pleasure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ad_libitum)"; as much as one desires; freely | Compare [pro re nata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pro_re_nata), "as needed", which by convention includes an aspect of "up to some maximum". Similarly, compare [s.o.s.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions" \l "si_opus_sit), [q.l.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions" \l "quantum_libet), and [q.s.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions" \l "quantum_sufficiat) |
| admov. | admove admoveatur | apply [or] add add; let there be added |  |
| ad us. | ad usum | according to custom |  |
| æq. | æquales | equal |  |
| agit. | agita | [agitate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agitator_(device)) (stir or shake) |  |
| alt. d., alt. dieb. | alternis diebus | every other day; on alternate days |  |
| alt. h., alt. hor. | alternis horis | every other hour; at alternate hours |  |
| **a.m.** | [**ante meridiem**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12-hour_clock) | **morning, before noon** |  |
| **amp.** | **ampulla** | [**ampule**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ampoule)**(ampul, ampoule)** |  |
| **amt** |  | **amount** |  |
| **aq.** | **aqua** | [**water**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water) |  |
| aq. bull. | aqua bulliens | [boiling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boiling) water |  |
| aq. com. | aqua communis | [common water](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tap_water) |  |
| aq. dest. | aqua destillata | [distilled water](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distilled_water) |  |
| aq. ferv. | aqua fervens | hot water |  |
| a.l., a.s. | auris laeva, auris sinistra | left ear | "a" can be mistaken as an "o" which could read "o.s." or "o.l", meaning left eye |
| ATC |  | around the clock |  |
| a.u. | auris utraque | both ears | "a" can be mistaken as an "o" which could read "o.u.", meaning both eyes |
| BDS, b.d.s. | bis die sumendum | twice daily |  |
| bib. | bibe | drink |  |
| **bis** | **bis** | **twice** |  |
| b.i.d., b.d. | bis in die | twice daily | [AMA style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMA_style) avoids use of this abbreviation (spell out "twice a day") |
| bis ind. | bis indies | twice a day |  |
| bis in 7 d. | bis in septem diebus | twice a week |  |
| BM |  | [bowel movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_feces) | Commonly used in the United Kingdom when discussing blood sugar. From *BM Stix* – the measurement sticks used for calculating blood sugar; BM being an abbreviation of Boehringer Mannheim. [[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions#cite_note-7) |
| BNF |  | [British National Formulary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_National_Formulary) |  |
| **bol.** | [**bolus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolus_(medicine)) | **as a large single dose (usually [intravenously](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_therapy" \o "Intravenous therapy))** |  |
| **BP, Ph.Br.** | **Pharmacopoeia Britannica** | [**British Pharmacopoeia**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Pharmacopoeia) |  |
| **BS** |  | [**blood sugar**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_sugar) |  |
| BSA |  | [body surface area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Body_surface_area) |  |
| b.t. |  | bedtime | mistaken for "b.i.d", meaning twice daily |
| **bucc.** | **bucca** | [**buccal**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buccal_administration)**(inside [cheek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cheek" \o "Cheek))** |  |
| **cap., caps.** | **capsula** | [**capsule**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capsule_(pharmacy)) |  |
| cap. | capiat | let him take (let the patient take) |  |
| c.m. | cras mane | tomorrow morning |  |
| c.m.s. | cras mane sumendus | to be taken tomorrow morning |  |
| **c̄, c.** | **cum** | **with (usually written with a bar on top of the "c")** |  |
| **cib.** | **cibus** | **food** |  |
| c.c. | cum cibo | with food [or] [cubic centimetre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cubic_centimetre) | mistaken for "U", meaning units; also has an ambiguous meaning; use "mL" or "milliliters" (1 cm³ = 1 mL) |
| cf. | confer | compare |  |
| c.n. | cras nocte | tomorrow night |  |
| cochl. | cochleare | [spoonful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spoon) |  |
| cochl. ampl. | cochleare amplum | an ample spoonful (a [tablespoonful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablespoon" \o "Tablespoon)) |  |
| cochl. infant. | cochleare infantis | a small spoonful (a [teaspoonful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teaspoon" \o "Teaspoon)) |  |
| cochl. mag. | cochleare magnum | a large spoonful (a [tablespoonful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablespoon" \o "Tablespoon)) |  |
| cochl. mod. | cochleare modicum | a modest spoonful (a [dessert-spoonful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dessert_spoon" \o "Dessert spoon)) |  |
| cochl. parv. | cochleare parvum | a scant spoonful (a [teaspoonful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teaspoon" \o "Teaspoon)) |  |
| colet. | coletur | let it be [strained](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sieve" \o "Sieve) |  |
| **comp.** | **compositus** | **compound** |  |
| **contin.** | **continuetur** | **let it be continued** |  |
| cpt. | capiat | let him take (let the patient take) |  |
| **cr., crm** |  | **cream** |  |
| CST |  | continue same treatment |  |
| cuj. | cujus | of which |  |
| c.v. | cras vespere | tomorrow evening |  |
| cyath. | cyathus | a [glassful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_glassware" \o "List of glassware) |  |
| cyath. vinos. | cyathus vinosus | a [wine-glassful](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine_glass" \o "Wine glass) |  |
| D, d. | die [or] dosis | [days](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day) [or] [doses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Effective_dose_(pharmacology)) | ambiguous meaning, write out "days" or "doses" |
| D5LR |  | [dextrose](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glucose) 5% in [lactated Ringer's solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lactated_Ringer%27s_solution" \o "Lactated Ringer's solution) ([intravenous sugar solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_sugar_solution" \o "Intravenous sugar solution)) |  |
| D5NS |  | [dextrose](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glucose) 5% in [normal saline](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saline_(medicine)" \o "Saline (medicine)) (0.9%) ([intravenous sugar solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_sugar_solution" \o "Intravenous sugar solution)) |  |
| D5W, D5W |  | [dextrose](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glucose) 5% in [water](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distilled_water" \o "Distilled water) ([intravenous sugar solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_sugar_solution" \o "Intravenous sugar solution)) |  |
| D10W, D10W |  | [dextrose](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glucose) 10% in [water](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distilled_water" \o "Distilled water) ([intravenous sugar solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_sugar_solution" \o "Intravenous sugar solution)) |  |
| da | da | give |  |
| **DAW** |  | **dispense as written (i.e., no [generic substitution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generic_drug" \o "Generic drug))** |  |
| DC, dc, D/C, disc |  | discontinue [or] discharge | ambiguous meaning |
| **decoct.** | **decoctum** | [**decoction**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decoction) |  |
| det. | detur | let it be given |  |
| dieb. alt. | diebus alternis | every other day; on alternate days |  |
| **dil.** |  | **dilute** |  |
| dim. | dimidius | one-half |  |
| d. in p. æ. | divide in partes æquales | divide into equal parts |  |
| **disp.** |  | **dispersible [or] dispense** |  |
| **div.** | **divide** | **divide; let it be divided** |  |
| **dL** |  | [**deciliter**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deciliter) |  |
| DS |  | double strength |  |
| d.t.d. | dentur tales doses | give of such doses |  |
| DTO |  | deodorized tincture of opium | can easily be confused with "diluted tincture of opium," which is 1/25th the strength of deodorized tincture of opium; deaths have resulted due to massive morphine overdose.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions#cite_note-PT_article_paregoric-8) Compare [laudanum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laudanum" \o "Laudanum) and [paregoric](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paregoric" \o "Paregoric). |
| **DW** |  | [**distilled water**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distilled_water)**[or]** [**dextrose**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dextrose)**in [water](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distilled_water" \o "Distilled water) ([intravenous sugar solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_sugar_solution" \o "Intravenous sugar solution))** |  |
| **elix.** | **elixir** | [**elixir**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elixir) |  |
| e.m.p. | ex modo prescripto | as directed (in the manner prescribed) |  |
| **emuls.** | **emulsum** | [**emulsion**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emulsion) |  |
| **et** | **et** | **and** |  |
| **EOD** |  | **every other day** |  |
| ex aq. | ex aqua | in water; with water |  |
| exhib. | exhibiatur | let it be given |  |
| f. | fiat | make; let it be made |  |
| f.h. | fiat haustus | make a draught |  |
| **fl., fld.** | **fluidus** | [**fluid**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fluid)**(usually meaning specifically [liquid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liquid" \o "Liquid) in health care)** |  |
| f.m. | fiat mistura | make a mixture |  |
| f. pil. | fiat pilula | make a [pill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablet_(pharmacy)" \o "Tablet (pharmacy)) |  |
| f.s.a. | fiat secundum artem | make according to art |  |
| ft. | fiat | make; let it be made |  |
| **g, gm** |  | [**gram**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gram)**(modern**[**SI**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_System_of_Units)**symbol is g, not gm)** |  |
| **garg.** | **gargarisma** | [**gargle**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mouthwash) |  |
| **gr.** | **granum** | [**grain**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grain_(unit)) |  |
| **gtt(s)** | **gutta(e)** | **drop(s)** |  |
| gutt. | gutta(e) | drop(s) |  |
| **H** |  | [**hypodermic**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypodermic_needle) |  |
| **h, hr, hor.** | **hora** | [**hour**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hour) |  |
| habt. | habeat | let him have |  |
| hor. alt. | hora alternis | every other hour (every second hour; at alternate hours) |  |
| hor. decub. | hora decubitus | at bedtime |  |
| hor. intermed. | horis intermediis | at intermediate hours |  |
| hor. tert. | horis tertiis | every third hour |  |
| h.s. | hora somni (at the hour of sleep) | at bedtime [or] half-strength | ambiguous (2 meanings, easily conflated); spell out |
| **IBW** |  | [**ideal body weight**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ideal_body_weight)**(for dosing based on**[**clearance**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clearance_(medicine))**estimation)** |  |
| **ID** |  | [**intradermal**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intradermal_injection) |  |
| **IJ, inj.** | **injectio** | [**injection**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Injection_(medicine)) | **mistaken for "IV", meaning intravenously** |
| **i.m., IM** |  | [**intramuscular**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intramuscular_injection) |  |
| **IN** |  | [**intranasal**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nasal_administration) | **mistaken for "IM", meaning intramuscular, or "IV", meaning intravenously** |
| ind. | indies | daily |  |
| **inf.** | **infusum** | [**infusion (extraction)**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infusion)**/ [intravenous infusion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_infusion" \o "Intravenous infusion)** |  |
| **i** | **unus tabuletta** | **one**[**tablet**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablet_(pharmacy)) |  |
| ii | duo tabuletta | two [tablets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablet_(pharmacy)" \o "Tablet (pharmacy)) |  |
| **iii** | **tres tabuletta** | **three [tablets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablet_(pharmacy)" \o "Tablet (pharmacy))** |  |
| **IO** |  | **intraossseous** |  |
| **IP** |  | [**intraperitoneal**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intraperitoneal) |  |
| **IT** |  | [**intrathecal**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intrathecal) | **mistaken for other abbreviations; spell out** |
| **IU** |  | [**international unit**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_unit) | **mistaken for "IV" or "10", spell out "international unit"** |
| **i.v., IV** |  | [**intravenous**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intravenous_therapy) |  |
| i.v.p., IVP |  | [intravenous push](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IV_push) |  |
| IVPB |  | [intravenous piggyback](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Y-Set_(intravenous_therapy)) |  |
| **kg** |  | [**kilogram**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kilogram) |  |
| LAS |  | label as such |  |
| lat. dol. | lateri dolenti | to the painful side |  |
| **lb.** | **libra** | [**pound**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pound_(mass)) |  |
| l.c.d. | liquor carbonis detergens | [coal tar solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal_tar) |  |
| **lin** | **linimentum** | [**liniment**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liniment) |  |
| **liq.** | **liquor** | [**solution**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solution) |  |
| **lot.** | **lotio** | [**lotion**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lotion) |  |
| M., m. | misce | mix |  |
| mane | mane | in the morning |  |
| **max.** | **maximum** | [**maximum**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxima_and_minima) |  |
| **mcg** |  | [**microgram**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microgram) | **Recommended replacement for "μg" which may be confused with "mg"** |
| **mdi** |  | **metered dose inhaler** |  |
| m.d.u. | more dicto utendus | to be used as directed |  |
| mEq |  | [milliequivalent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equivalent_(chemistry)) |  |
| **mg** |  | [**milligram**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milligram) |  |
| **mg/dL** |  | **milligrams per deciliter** |  |
| MgSO4 |  | [magnesium sulfate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnesium_sulfate) | may be confused with "MSO4", spell out "magnesium sulfate" |
| midi |  | at midday |  |
| **min.** | [**minimum**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxima_and_minima)**[or]** [**minim**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minim_(unit))**[or] minutum** | [**minimum**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxima_and_minima)**[or]** [**minim**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minim_(unit))**[or]** [**minute**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minute) |  |
| **mist.** | **mistura** | [**mixture**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixture) |  |
| mit., mitt. | mitte | number of tablets provided |  |  |
| **mL** |  | [**millilitre**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millilitre) |  |  |
| **mod. præscript.** | **modo præscripto** | **in the manner directed** |  |  |
| MS |  | [morphine sulfate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morphine_sulfate) or [magnesium sulfate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magnesium_sulfate) | can mean either morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate, spell out either |  |
| MSO4 |  | [morphine sulfate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morphine_sulfate) | may be confused with "MgSO4", spell out "morphine sulfate" |  |
| **nebul, neb.** | **nebula** | **a [spray](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spray_(liquid_drop)" \o "Spray (liquid drop)) (such as for [insufflation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insufflation_(medicine)" \o "Insufflation (medicine)))- nebulizer** |  |  |
| **NMT** |  | **not more than** |  |  |
| noct. | nocte | at night |  |  |
| **non rep.** | **non repetatur** | **no repeats (no refills)** |  |  |
| NPO, n.p.o. | [nil per os](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nil_per_os) | nothing by mouth | [AMA style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMA_style) avoids use of this abbreviation (spell out "nothing by mouth") |  |
| NS |  | [normal saline (0.9%)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saline_(medicine)) |  |  |
| 1/2NS |  | [half-normal saline (0.45%)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saline_(medicine)) |  |  |
| **NTE** |  | **not to exceed** |  |  |
| o 2, o2 |  | both eyes | "O2" usually means [oxygen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxygen) or [oxygen therapy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxygen_therapy) |  |
| o.d. | omni die | every day (once daily) (preferred to "qd" in the UK[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions#cite_note-9)) |  |  |
| o.d. | oculus dexter | right eye | "o" can be mistaken as an "a" which could read "a.d.", meaning right ear, confusion with "omni die" |  |
| o.m. | omni mane | every morning |  |  |
| omn. bih. | omni bihora | every 2 hours |  |  |
| omn. hor. | omni hora | every hour |  |  |
| o.n. | omni nocte | every night |  |  |
| **OPD** |  | **once per day** |  |  |
| o.s. | oculus sinister | left eye | "o" can be mistaken as an "a" which could read "a.s.", meaning left ear |  |
| o.u. | oculus uterque | both eyes | "o" can be mistaken as an "a" which could read "a.u.", meaning both ears |  |
| **oz** |  | [**ounce**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ounce) |  |  |
| p. | perstetur | continue |  |  |
| **part. æq.** | **partes æquales** | **equal parts** |  |  |
| **per** | **per** | **by or through** |  |  |
| p.c. | post cibum | after meals |  |  |
| p.c.h.s., pc&hs | post cibum et hora somni | after meals and at bedtime |  |  |
| **Ph.Br., BP** | **Pharmacopoeia Britannica** | [**British Pharmacopoeia**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Pharmacopoeia) |  |  |
| Ph.Eur. | Pharmacopoeia Europaea | [European Pharmacopoeia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Pharmacopoeia) |  |  |
| **Ph.Int.** | **Pharmacopoeia Internationalis** | [**International Pharmacopoeia**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_International_Pharmacopoeia) |  |  |
| **pig./pigm.** | **pigmentum** | **paint** |  |  |
| **p.m.** | [**post meridiem**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/12-hour_clock) | **evening or afternoon** |  |  |
| **p.o.** | [**per os**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Per_os) | **by mouth *or* orally** | [**AMA style**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMA_style)**avoids use of this abbreviation (spell out "orally")** |  |
| **ppt.** | **præparata** | **prepared** |  |  |
| **p.r., PR** | **per rectum** | [**rectally**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rectal_administration) |  |  |
| p.r.n., PRN | [pro re nata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pro_re_nata) | as needed |  |  |
| **pt.** | **perstetur** | **continue** |  |  |
| **pulv.** | **pulvis** | [**powder**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powder_(substance)) |  |  |
| **p.v., PV** | **per vaginam** | [**vaginally**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Route_of_administration) |  |  |
| **q** | **quaque** | **every, per** |  |  |
| q.1 h, q.1° | quaque 1 hora | every 1 hour (can replace "1" with other numbers) |  |  |
| q4PM |  | at 4 pm (can replace "4" with other numbers) | mistaken to mean every 4 hours |  |
| q.a.d. | quaque alternis die | every other day |  |  |
| q.a.m. | quaque die ante meridiem | every morning (every day before noon) |  |  |
| q.d./q.1.d. | quaque die | every day | mistaken for "QOD" or "qds," spell out "every day" or "daily". [AMA style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMA_style) avoids use of this abbreviation (spell out "every day") |  |
| q.d.a.m. | quaque die ante meridiem | once daily in the morning |  |  |
| q.d.p.m. | quaque die post meridiem | once daily in the evening |  |  |
| q.d.s. | quater die sumendus | 4 times a day | can be mistaken for "qd" (every day) |  |
| q.p.m. | quaque die post meridiem | every evening (every day after noon) |  |  |
| q.h. | quaque hora | every hour |  |  |
| q.h.s. | quaque hora somni | every night at bedtime | can be mistaken as "q.h.r." (every hour) |  |
| q.i.d. | quater in die | 4 times a day | can be mistaken for "qd" or "qod," write out "4 times a day". [AMA style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMA_style) avoids use of this abbreviation (spell out "4 times a day") |  |
| q.l. | quantum libet | as much as is requisite |  |  |
| q.n. | quaque nocte | every night | can be mistaken as "q.h." (every hour) |  |
| q.o.d. | quaque altera die | every other day | mistaken for "QD," spell out "every other day". [AMA style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMA_style) avoids use of this abbreviation (spell out "every other day") |  |
| q.q. | quaque | every;[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions#cite_note-Bennett_1906-10) each |  |  |
| q.q.h. | quater quaque hora | every 4 hours |  |  |
| q.s. | quantum sufficiat (subjunctive), quantum sufficit (indicative), quantum satis | as much as [suffices](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/suffice" \l "Verb" \o "wikt:suffice); a sufficient quantity |  |  |
| q.s. a.d | add up to |  |  |  |
| q.v. | quantum volueris [or] [quod vide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quod_vide) | at will [or] which see |  |  |
| **QWK** |  | **every week** |  |  |
| **rep., rept.** | **repetatur** | **repeats** |  |  |
| RL, R/L |  | [Ringer's lactate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lactated_Ringer%27s_solution) |  |  |
| Rx, Rx, RX, , ℞, Rp | [recipe](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/recipe#Latin) | take (often effectively a noun meaning "prescription"—[medical prescription](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medical_prescription" \o "Medical prescription) or [prescription drug](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prescription_drug" \o "Prescription drug)) |  |  |
| **rep.** | **repetatur** | **let it be repeated** |  |  |
| s. | signa | write (write on the label) |  |  |
| s.a. | secundum artem | according to the art (accepted practice or [best practice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Best_practice" \o "Best practice)) |  |  |
| **SC** |  | **subcutaneous** | **"SC" can be mistaken for "SL," meaning sublingual. See also**[**SQ**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions#SQ) |  |
| **sem.** | **semen** | [**seed**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seed) |  |  |
| s.i.d. | semel in die | once a day | used exclusively in veterinary medicine |  |
| **sig.** | **signa, signetur** | **write (write on the label)** |  |  |
| **s̄** | **sine** | **without (usually written with a bar on top of the "s")** |  |  |
| sing. | singulorum | of each |  |  |
| **SL, s.l.** | **sub lingua** | **sublingually, under the [tongue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tongue" \o "Tongue)** |  |  |
| **SOB** |  | [**shortness of breath**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dyspnea) |  |  |
| **sol.** | **solutio** | [**solution**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solution) |  |  |
| s.o.s., si op. sit | si opus sit | if there is a need |  |  |
| s.s., SS | semisse | one-half [or] sliding scale | mistaken for "55" or "1/2" |  |
| SSI |  | sliding scale [insulin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insulin) or sliding scale regular [insulin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insulin) | mistaken to mean "strong [solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solution" \o "Solution) of [iodine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iodine" \o "Iodine)" or "[selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selective_serotonin_reuptake_inhibitor" \o "Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor)". See also [SSRI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions#SSRI) |  |
| **SQ** |  | [**subcutaneously**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subcutaneous_injection) | **"SQ" can be mistaken for "5Q" meaning "5 every dose". See also**[**SC**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_abbreviations_used_in_medical_prescriptions#SC) |  |
| SSRI |  | [selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selective_serotonin_reuptake_inhibitor) [or] [sliding scale regular insulin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insulin) | ambiguous. Do not abbreviate |  |
| st. | stet | let it stand (for example, for [settling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Settling" \o "Settling)) |  |  |
| **stat** | **statim** | **immediately** |  |  |
| **SubQ** |  | [**subcutaneously**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subcutaneous_injection) |  |  |
| sum. | sumat [or] sumendum | let him take [or] let it be taken |  |  |
| **supp.** | **suppositorium** | [**suppository**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suppository) |  |  |
| **susp.** | **suspensio** | [**suspension**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suspension_(chemistry)) |  |  |
| syr. | syrupus | [syrup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syrup) |  |  |
| **tab.** | **tabella** | [**tablet**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablet_(pharmacy)) |  |  |
| tal., t. | talus | such |  |  |
| **tbsp** |  | [**tablespoon**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tablespoon) |  |  |
| t.d.s., TDS | ter die sumendum | 3 times a day |  |  |
| t.i.d., t.d. | ter in die | 3 times a day | [AMA style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMA_style) avoids use of this abbreviation (spell out "3 times a day") |  |
| **tinct.** | **tinctura** | [**tincture**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tincture) |  |  |
| t.i.w. |  | 3 times a week | mistaken for "twice a week" |  |
| **top.** |  | [**topical**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topical_medication) |  |  |
| **TPN** |  | [**total parenteral nutrition**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parenteral_nutrition) |  |  |
| **tr, tinc., tinct.** | **tinctura** | [**tincture**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tincture) |  |  |
| trit. | triturate | [grind](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mortar_and_pestle) to a [powder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powder_(substance)" \o "Powder (substance)) |  |  |
| **troch.** | **trochiscus** | [**lozenge**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Throat_lozenge) |  |  |
| **tsp** |  | [**teaspoon**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teaspoon) |  |  |
| **U** |  | **unit** | **mistaken for a "4", "0" or "cc", spell out "unit"** |  |
| u.d., ut. dict. | ut dictum | as directed |  |  |
| **ung.** | **unguentum** | [**ointment**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ointment) |  |  |
| **USP** |  | [**United States Pharmacopeia**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Pharmacopeia) |  |  |
| **vag.** | **vagine** | **vaginally** |  |  |
| **w** |  | **with** |  |  |
| **w/a** |  | **while awake** |  |  |
| **w/f** |  | **with food (with meals)** |  |  |
| **w/o** |  | **without** |  |  |
| **X, x** |  | **times** |  |  |
| **YO, y.o.** |  | **years old** |  |  |
| **μg** |  | [**microgram**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microgram) | **mistaken for "mg", meaning [milligram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milligram" \o "Milligram)** |  |
| [@](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/@) |  | at | mistaken for "2"; spell out "at" |  |
| **>** |  | **greater than** | **mistaken for a "7"** |  |
| **<** |  | **less than** | **mistaken for an "L"** |  |
| **℔** | **libra** | [**pound**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pound_(mass)) |  |  |
| **℥** | **uncia** | [**ounce**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ounce) |  |  |
| **ʒ** | **drachma** | [**dram**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dram_(unit))**(drachm)** |  |  |
| **℈** | **scrupulus** | [**scruple**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scruple_(unit)) |  |  |
| ° |  | hour |  |  |

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