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| **Common abbreviations used in medical documentation, medication and treatment orders**  Abbreviations are case-specific. Use all uppercase or lowercase as listed unless both are listed. | | | |
| a/a | Before | NC | Nasal cannula |
| ac | Before meals | NGT | Nasogastric tube |
| AD\* | Right ear | NKDA | No known drug allergies |
| ad lib | As tolerated/ desired | noc | Night |
| ADL | Activities of daily living | NPO | Nothing by mouth |
| am | Morning | NTG | Nitroglycerin |
| amt | Amount | O2 | Oxygen |
| AS\* | Left ear | OD | Right eye |
| ASA | Aspirin | OS | Left eye |
| AU\* | Both ears | OT | Occupational therapy |
| BID/bid | Two times a day | OTC | Over the counter |
| BM | Bowel movement | OU | Both eyes |

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| BP | Blood pressure | oz | Ounce |
| c or c | With | pc | After meals |
| CBG | Capillary blood sugar | PCN | Penicillin |
| c/o | Complains of | per | By/through |
| caps | Capsules | pm | Afternoon |
| cath | Catheter | PO | By mouth |
| cc | Centimeter | PRN | As necessary |
| CP | Chest pain | PT | Physical therapy |
| D/C | Discontinue or discharged | pt | Patient |
| drsg | Dressing | Q | Every |
| FBS | Fasting blood sugar | Q2H/q2h | Every 2 hours |
| gm | Gram | Q3H/q3h | Every 3 hours |
| gtts | Drops | Q4H/q4h | Every 4 hours |
| g-tube | Gastrostomy tube | Q6H/q6h | Every 6 hours |
| hr | Hour | Q12H/q12h | Every 12 hours |
| HS/hs | Hour of sleep | QD/qd\* | Each day |
| HTN | Hypertension | QH/qh | Every hour |

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| Hx | History | QHS/qhs | Every night at bedtime |
| I&O | Intake and output | QID/qid | 4 times a day |
| IM | Intramuscular | QOD/qod\* | Every other day |
| IV | Intravenous | ROM | Range of motion |
| j-tube | Jejunostomy tube | Rx | Prescription |
| l | Liter | s/s | Without |
| liq | Liquid | S/S | Signs and symptoms |
| meds | Medications | SQ/sq | Subcutaneous |
| mEq | Milliequivalent | tabs | Tablets |
| mg | Milligrams | Tbsp | Tablespoon |
| mid noc | Midnight | TID/tid | Three times a day |
| min | Minute | tsp | Teaspoon |
| ml | Milliliter | W/ or w/ | With |
| MOM | Milk of Magnesium | W/O or w/o | Without |
| N/V | Nausea/Vomiting | X/x | Times |