

COMMON MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS

<p>aa of each</p> <p>ac before meals</p> <p>ad right ear</p> <p>ad lib as desired</p> <p>al left ear</p> <p>AM morning; before noon</p> <p>amt amount</p> <p>ANDA Abbreviated New Drug Application</p> <p>ante before</p> <p>APAP acetaminophen</p> <p>aq water; aqueous</p> <p>as left ear</p> <p>ASA aspirin</p> <p>au both ears</p> <p>AUC area under the curve</p> <p>bid twice a day</p> <p>biw twice weekly</p> <p>BMR basal metabolism rate</p> <p>bp boiling point</p> <p>BP blood pressure</p> <p>C Centigrade</p> <p>c with</p> <p>Ca calcium</p> <p>cap(s) capsule(s)</p> <p>cath catheter</p> <p>CBC complete blood count</p> <p>cc cubic centimeter</p> <p>chol cholesterol</p> <p>Cl chloride</p> <p>cm centimeter</p> <p>C_{max} maximum effective plasma concentration</p> <p>C_{min} minimum effective plasma concentration</p> <p>c/o complains of</p> <p>comp compounded of</p> <p>CV cardiovascular</p> <p>diag diagnosis</p> <p>dil dilute</p> <p>disch discharge</p> <p>disp dispense</p> <p>dr dram</p> <p>drp(s) drop(s)</p> <p>Dx diagnosis</p> <p>EENT Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat</p>	<p>etc and so on</p> <p>EtOH alcohol</p> <p>exp expired</p> <p>ext extract, external</p> <p>F Fahrenheit</p> <p>FBS fasting blood sugar</p> <p>Fe iron</p> <p>fl fluid</p> <p>fl dr fluidram</p> <p>fl oz fluid ounce</p> <p>ft let there be made</p> <p>FUO fever of unknown origin</p> <p>g, gm gram</p> <p>gr grain</p> <p>gt a drop</p> <p>gtt drops</p> <p>H₂O water</p> <p>HDL-C high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol</p> <p>HR heart rate</p> <p>H, h, hr hour</p> <p>hs at bedtime, hour of sleep</p> <p>Hx history</p> <p>IM intramuscular</p> <p>INDA Investigational New Drug Application</p> <p>inh inhalation</p> <p>INH isoniazid</p> <p>inj injection</p> <p>IPPB intermittent positive pressure breathing</p> <p>IU international units</p> <p>IV intravenous</p> <p>kg kilogram</p> <p>KMnO₄ sol potassium permanganate solution</p> <p>L liter, left, put left first</p> <p>lb pound</p> <p>LDL-C low-density lipoprotein-cholesterol</p> <p>liq liquid</p> <p>MAOI monoamine oxidase inhibitor</p> <p>mcg microgram</p> <p>MDI metered dose inhaler</p> <p>mEq milliequivalent</p>
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