

Sig Abbreviations

Sig Code	Explanation
AAA	apply to affected area
ac	before meals
ad	right ear
am	morning, in the morning, before noon
amp	ampule or ampul
amp	ampicillin
APAP	acetaminophen
aq	aqueous (water)
as	left ear
au	each ear, both ears
AUD	apply as directed
bid or b.i.d.	twice a day
BOT	bottle
BP	blood pressure
c	with
C or c	100 (roman numeral)
cap	capsule
cc	cubic centimeter (1 cc = 1 mL)
cf	with food
CF	cough formula or cold formula
cm	centimeter
CPM	chlorpheniramine
cr	cream
CR	controlled release
cre	cream
D or d	500 (roman numeral)
D/C or d/c	discontinue

DA	delayed action
DAW	dispense as written
dc or d/c	discontinue
DC	diagnosis code
dil	dilute, dissolve
disp	dispense
dL	deciliter
DM	dextromethorphan
DR	delayed release
DS	double strength
DV	daily value
EC or e.c.	enteric coated
ECT	enteric-coated tablet
ER	extended release
fl	fluid
fl oz	fluid ounce
ft	foot, feet
g	gram
gal	gallon
GG	guaifenesin
GGPE	guaifenesin/phenylephrine
gm	gram
gr	grain
gtt	drop
h or hr	hour
H₂O	water
HA	headache
HBP	high blood pressure
HC	hydrocodone or hydrocortisone
HCT	hydrochlorothiazide

HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide
hs	at bedtime
ht	height
HT or HTN	hypertension
I or i	1 (roman numeral)
IM	intramuscular
in	inch
inh	inhalation
INH	isoniazid
inj	injection
IR	immediate release
IT or ITCH	itching
IU or I.U.	international unit
IV	intravenous
K	Potassium
KCl or KCL	Potassium Chloride
kg	kilogram
L or l	liter
L or l	50 (roman numeral)
LA	long-acting
lb	pound
liq	liquid
lot	lotion
m	meter
M or m	1,000 (roman numeral)
m²	square meters or meters squared
mcg	microgram
mcl	microliter
MDI	metered dose inhaler
MDP	Medrol Dose Pack

mEq	milliequivalent
Mg or Mag	Magnesium
mg	milligram
mg/dL	milligrams (mg) of substance per deciliter (dL) of blood
mL	milliliter
mm Hg	millimeters of mercury (measure of blood pressure)
MTX	methotrexate
MVI	Multi-Vitamins or multiple vitamins
N/A or n/a	not available
N&V or N/V	nausea and vomiting
NA	nausea
Na	Sodium
NaCl	Sodium Chloride (salt)
NaHCO₃	sodium bicarbonate
NDC	national drug code
NEB or neb	nebulizer
No. or no.	number
Nos. or nos.	numbers
noct	night, at night
NPH	N insulin (an intermediate-acting insulin)
NPH	N insulin (Humulin N or Novolin N)
NPI	National Provider Identifier
npo	nothing by mouth
NR or N.R.	no refill
NRF	no refill
NS	nasal spray
NS	normal saline (0.9% sodium chloride)
NTG	nitroglycerin
NV	nausea and vomiting
od	right eye

ODT	orally disintegrating tablet
oint	ointment
OP or OPH	ophthalmic
OPHT or OPHTH	ophthalmic
os	left eye
OTC	over the counter
ou	each eye, both eyes
oz	ounce
PA	prior authorization
PB or Pb	phenobarbital
pc	after meals
PCN	penicillin
pct	percent or percentage
PD	pediatric drop
PED	pediatric
PEG	polyethylene glycol (a laxative)
per	by or through
pH	a measure of how acidic or basic a substance is
pkd	packaged
pkg	package
pkt	packet
pm	evening, in the evening, after noon
PMS	premenstrual syndrome
PNV	prenatal vitamins
po	by mouth
pp	postprandial (after eating)
PR	per rectum, by rectum
prn	as needed
PSE	pseudoephedrine
pt	pint

pt or pt.	patient
PTU	propylthiouracil
q	every, each
qam	every morning
qd	every day, each day, daily
qdam	every day in the morning
qd pm	every day in the evening
qh	every hour
q12h	every 12 hours
q2-3h	every two to three hours
q24h	every 24 hours
q2-4h	every two to four hours
q4h	every four hours
q4-6h	every four to six hours
q4°	every four hours
q6°	every six hours
qhs	every night at bedtime
qid or q.i.d.	four times a day
qod	every other day
qpm	every evening
q 8pm	every day at 8 p.m.
qs or QS or Q.S.	quantity sufficient
qt	quart
QTY or qty	quantity
qw	every week, once a week
R	rectum, rectally
RA	rheumatoid arthritis
RF	refill
Rx	prescription
s	without

SA	sustained action
sc	subcutaneous, under the skin
sig	signa (directions for using a prescription)
SL or S.L.	sublingual, under the tongue
SMZ-TMP	sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim
SOB	shortness of breath
SOD or sod	sodium
sol or soln	solution
sq	subcutaneous, under the skin
SR	sustained release
ss	one half (½) (roman numeral)
stat	now; immediately
subq	subcutaneous, under the skin
sup or supp	suppository
susp	suspension
syr	syrup
SYR	syringe
tab	tablet
tac or TAC	triamcinolone
tud or TUD	take as directed
tat or TAT	until all taken
tbsp	tablespoonful
TCN	tetracycline
tiw or t.i.w.	three times a week
TMP	trimethoprim
top	topical
tr	timed-release
tsp	teaspoonful
tud or TUD	take as directed
U	units

uad or UAD	use as directed
uat or UAT	until all taken
ud	as directed
ut dict	as directed
ung	ointment
UTI	urinary tract infection
V or v	5 (roman numeral)
vag	vaginally
w/	with
w/o	without
WA	while awake
WH	wheezing
wk	week
wt	weight
WZ	wheezing
X or x	10 (roman numeral)
X or x	times
x 1 RF	times one refill
X 3 RF	times three refills
XL	extra long
XR	extended release