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# MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose:

Since there are thousands of medical abbreviations and acronyms, the purpose of this chart is to present those most commonly used. CARE must be exercised when using this shorthand communication format, because of multiple meanings for a particular abbreviation or acronym. The correct definition is determined by the context of the material.

### Definitions:

Abbreviation: A shortened form of a word or phrase. Ex: tid - three times a day.

Acronym: Word formed from the initial letters in a phrase. Ex: WHO - World Health Organization.

### Tip:

Some abbreviations and acronyms may appear:

- In lower or upper case lettering
- With or without periods

## WEIGHTS / MEASUREMENTS

|              |                               |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| C            | Celsius, centigrade           |
| cc           | cubic centimeter              |
| Cl, c        | Cancus                        |
| cm           | centimeter                    |
| dB           | decibel                       |
| dt           | decisive                      |
| dr           | drum                          |
| F            | Fahrenheit                    |
| fl dr        | fluid dram                    |
| FL, fld      | fluid                         |
| fl oz        | fluid ounce                   |
| g, gm        | gram                          |
| Hz           | hertz                         |
| IU           | International Unit            |
| kg           | kilogram                      |
| km           | kilometer                     |
| L, l         | liter                         |
| L/min        | liters per minute             |
| lb           | pound                         |
| M            | molar, thousand, meter        |
| m            | meter                         |
| mcg, µg      | microgram                     |
| mcL, mc      | microliter                    |
| meq          | milliequivalent               |
| meq/L        | milliequivalent per liter     |
| mg, mgm      | milligram                     |
| ml, mL       | milliliter                    |
| mm           | millimeter                    |
| mmHg         | millimeters of mercury        |
| mol wt       | molecular weight              |
| MW, MWI      | molecular weight              |
| µm           | micrometer                    |
| oz.          | ounce                         |
| ppm          | parts per million             |
| pt           | pint                          |
| rad          | radiation absorbed dose       |
| rev/min, rpm | revolutions per minute        |
| SI           | International System of Units |
| U            | unit                          |
| u, µu        | micro                         |
| V            | volt                          |
| vol %        | volume percent                |
| v/v          | volume per volume             |
| W            | watt                          |
| w/v          | weight per volume             |

## PHARMACOLOGY

### Drugs

|          |                                     |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| ACD      | anticoagulant drug                  |
| ADR      | adverse drug reaction               |
| ASA      | acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin)      |
| CD       | extensive dose                      |
| D, doe   | dose, dosage                        |
| DAW      | dispense as written                 |
| DAWN     | Drug Abuse Warning Network          |
| DIG      | digoxin                             |
| DSB      | drug-seeking behavior               |
| IND      | investigational new drug            |
| INH      | isoniazid (TB drug)                 |
| LD       | lethal dose                         |
| MAOI     | monoamine oxidase inhibitor         |
| MAR      | medication administration record    |
| meds     | medications, medicines              |
| NSAID    | nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug |
| OD       | (drugs) overactive                  |
| OTC      | over the counter                    |
| PCA      | patient controlled analgesia        |
| PCN, PNC | penicillin                          |
| Rx       | prescription, drug, medication      |
| sig      | label                               |
| TDM      | therapeutic drug monitoring         |

### Formulations

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| aer       | aerosol          |
| aq        | water, aqueous   |
| bol, pil  | pill             |
| cap       | capsule          |
| comp      | compound         |
| dt, dilut | dilute           |
| elix, el  | elixir           |
| ext       | extract          |
| fl, FL    | fluid            |
| garg      | a gargle         |
| gtt, gt   | drops, drop      |
| inj       | injection        |
| lipid     | lipid            |
| lot       | lotions          |
| M         | ixture, mix      |
| polv      | powder (powdery) |
| sol, soln | solution         |
| solv      | dissolve         |
| spf       | spirit           |
| supp      | suppository      |
| susp      | suspension       |
| syr       | syrup            |
| tab       | tablet           |
| unct      | unctionate       |
| ung       | ointment         |

### Administration

#### Directions

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| b       | before             |
| bb      | of each            |
| bc      | before meals       |
| ad lib. | freely, as desired |
| admin.  | apply              |
| AM      | before noon        |
| atc     | around the clock   |
| bib     | drink              |

## PHARMACOLOGY cont.

|            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| bid        | twice a day           |
| q          | with                  |
| d          | day                   |
| dc, D/C    | discontinue           |
| h          | hour                  |
| hs         | at bedtime            |
| spo        | nothing by mouth      |
| od         | every day, daily      |
| q.p.       | after                 |
| pr         | after meals           |
| PM         | afternoon, evening    |
| prn        | as required / needed  |
| q          | every                 |
| qd         | every day             |
| qh         | every hour            |
| qid        | four times a day      |
| q.i.d.     | as much as desired    |
| qm         | every morning         |
| qn         | every night           |
| qdod       | every other day       |
| qoh        | every other hour      |
| qon        | every other night     |
| qp         | as much as desired    |
| qn, qn     | every night / evening |
| qs         | quantity sufficient   |
| q.s.       | without               |
| semih      | half an hour          |
| sn         | if necessary          |
| ss, ss, ss | half                  |
| tid        | three times a day     |
| tts        | three times a night   |
| ad         | as directed           |

### Routes

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| hyp          | hypodermic (injection)     |
| IC, ICAN     | intracavitory              |
| ID           | intradermal                |
| IM           | intramuscular              |
| inh          | inhalation                 |
| inj, injec   | injection                  |
| IT, i-thec   | intrathecal                |
| IV           | intravenous                |
| IP           | intravenous push           |
| IVPB         | intravenous piggyback      |
| MDI          | metered dose inhaler       |
| pr           | through rectum, per rectum |
| parent, P    | parenteral                 |
| po           | orally                     |
| SL, subl     | sublingual                 |
| SQ, SC, subq | subcutaneous               |
| subcu        | subcutaneous               |
| TDD          | transdermal drug delivery  |
| top          | topically                  |

### References

|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| NDC | National Drug Code         |
| NF  | National Formulary         |
| PDR | Physicians' Desk Reference |

### Standards / Regulations

|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| DEA | Drug Enforcement Agency    |
| FDA | Food & Drug Administration |
| USP | United States Pharmacopeia |

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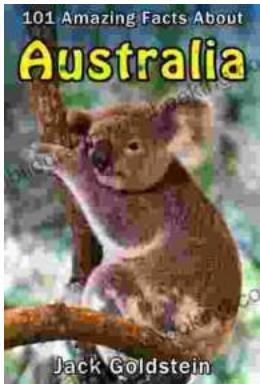
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