



### **Abbreviations - Prescriptions and Directions:**

aa - of each  
ac - before meals  
**AD** - \* right ear  
Ad lib - as desired  
AM - morning  
amp - ampule  
Amt - amount  
Aq - aqueous (water)  
**AS\*** - left ear  
**AU\*** - both ears  
BID - twice daily; two times daily  
Cap - capsule  
**cc\*** - cubic centimeter; milliliter  
elix - elixir  
Gal - gallon  
Gm - gram  
Gr - grain  
Hr - hour  
Hs - bedtime  
ID - intradermal  
IM - intramuscular  
**IU\*** - international units  
IV - intravenous  
IVPG - Intravenous piggyback  
Kg - kilogram  
Liq - liquid  
mcg - microgram  
mg - milligram  
mL - milliliter  
mmHg - millimeters of mercury  
mmol - milliosmol  
mosml - milliosmol  
NG - nasogastric  
**OD\*** right eye; once daily  
**OS\*** - left eye

**OU\*** - both eyes  
Oz - ounce  
pc -after meals  
PCA - patient controlled analgesia  
PO - per os; by mouth; orally  
PR - per rectum  
PRN - pro re naja; whenever, necessary; as needed  
**QD\*** - everyday; once daily  
**QHS\*** - every bedtime; nightly at bedtime

**QID\*** - four times daily; four times a day  
**QOD\*** - every other day  
qs - quantity sufficient; as much as desired  
QS -every shift  
R - rectal  
s - without  
**SC\*** - subcutaneous  
Sig - directions for use  
sl - sublingual  
**SQ\*** - subcutaneous  
**ss\*** - sliding scale; one-half  
stat - immediately  
**SubQ\*** - subcutaneous  
Supp - suppository  
Syr - syrup  
Tab - tablet  
Tbsp - tablespoon  
**TID\*** - three times daily; three times a day  
Tinct- tincture  
**TIW\*** - three times weekly  
TO - telephone order  
tsp - teaspoon  
**U\*** - unit  
ud - as directed  
**µg\*** - microgram  
ung - ointment  
VO -verbal order