## Acceptable Prescribing Terms and Abbreviations

### Intended meaning | Acceptable term or abbreviation
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**(in the) morning** | morning, mane
**(at) midday** | midday
**(at) night** | night, nocte
twice a day | bd
three times a day | tds
four times a day | qid
every 4 hours | every 4 hrs, 4 hourly, 4 hrly
every 6 hours | every 6 hrs, 6 hourly, 6 hrly
every 8 hours | every 8 hrs, 8 hourly, 8 hrly
once a week | once a week and specify the day in full
three times a week | three times a week and specify the days in full
when required | prn
immediately | stat
before food | before food
after food | after food
with food | with food

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**Route of administration**
ear | ear(s) specify left, right or both
epidural | epidural
eye | eye(s) specify left, right or both
inhalate, inhalation | Inhalate, inhalation
intraarticular | intraarticular
intramuscular | IM
intranasal | intranasal
intrathecal | intrathecal
intravenous | IV
irrigation | irrigation
left | left
nasogastric | NG
nebulised | NEB
oral | PO
percutaneous enteral gastrostomy | PEG
per rectum | PR
per vagina | PV
peripherally inserted central catheter | PICC
right | right
subcutaneous | subcut
sublingual | subling
topical | topical

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**Units of measure and concentration**
gram(s) | g
litre(s) | L
milligram(s) | mg
millilitre(s) | mL
microgram(s) | microgram, microg
millimole | mmol
international unit(s) | international unit(s)
unit(s) | unit(s)
percentage | %

capsule | cap
cream | cream
drops | drops
injection | inj
metered dose inhaler | metered dose inhaler, inhaler, MDI
mixture | mixture
ointment | ointment, oint
patient controlled analgesia | PCA
pessary | pess
powder | powder
suppository | supp
tablet | tablet, tab