

Drug Administration Abbreviations

1. before meals	A. pc
2. as desired/as directed	B. bid
3. Morning	C. PO
4. twice a day	D. tid
5. capsules	E. cap
6. drop	F. no
7. hour	G. h or hr
8. intramuscular	H. q12h
9. intravenous	I. q4h
10. number	J. gtt
11. after meals; after eating	K. q2h
12. by mouth	L. Rx
13. afternoon	M. prn
14. when needed/necessary	N. IM
15. four times per day	O. q8h
16. every 2 hours (even or when first given)	P. ad lib
17. every four hours (even)	Q. ac
18. every 6 hours (even)	R. PM
19. every 8 hours (even)	S. q6h
20. every 12 hours	T. IV
21. take	U. qid
22. immediately; at once	V. AM
23. tablet	W. STAT
24. three times a day	X. tab