

# Appendix A: Prescription and Medication Orders

## Abbreviation Tables

**Table A-1** Drug Form and Routes of Administration

Abbreviation	Meaning
AD	Right ear
AS	Left ear
AU	Both ears
Cap or caps	Capsules
crm	Cream
Elix	Elixir
Gtts	Drops
IM	Intramuscularly
IV	Intravenously
IVP	Intravenous push
IVPB	Intravenous piggyback
MDI	Metered dose inhaler
Nebs	Nebulizer solution
NPO	Nothing by mouth
OD	Right eye
OS	Left eye
OU	Both eyes
PO	Orally; by mouth
PR	Suppository; per rectum
SC or SQ	Subcutaneously
SL	Sublingual; under the tongue
S/S	Swish and spit; swish and swallow
Sol or soln	Solution
Supp	Suppository
Susp	Suspension
Syr	Syrup or syringe
Tab or tabs	Tablets
Top	Topically
Ung	ointment

**Table A-2** Dosing Frequency

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
BID	Twice a day
BIW	Twice weekly
DC	Discontinue (or discharge)
QHS	At bedtime
Q12H	Every 12 hours
Q24H	Every 24 hours
Q4-6H	Every 4 to 6 hours
Q8H	Every 8 hours
QAM	Every morning; daily in the morning
QD	Once daily
QID	Four times a day
QOD	Every other day
QPM	Every evening
QWeek	Once weekly
TID	Three times a day
TIW	Three times a week
AC	Before meals
ATC	Around the clock
C <sup>a</sup>	With
NR	No refills
OTC	Over the counter
PC	After meals
PRN	As needed
S <sup>a</sup>	Without
UD	As directed
WA	While awake
X1	One time
X3	For three doses; up to three

<sup>a</sup>Can be written in lower case with a line above the letter.

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