

Pharmacy: SIG CODES



ABBREVIATION	MEANING
$\dot{\bar{I}}$	one
\bar{s}	without
$\bar{ss}; ss$	one-half
a.a., aa	of each
a.c.	before meals
ad	to, up to
a.d.	right ear
ad lib	at one's pleasure
agit.	shake, stir
alt. h.	every other hour
amp.	ampule
app.	apply
aq, aqua	water
aq. ad	add water up to
a.s., a.l.	left ear
A.T.C.	around the clock
a.u.	both ears
b.i.d., b.d.	twice daily
b.m.	bowel movement
bol.	bolus
B.S.	blood sugar
B.S.A.	body surface area
c	with
cap or caps	capsules
cc	cubic centimeter
comp.	compound
cr., crm.	cream
D5NS	dextrose 5% in NaCl solution
D5W	dextrose 5% in water
D.A.W.	dispense as written
dc, D/C, disc.	discontinue
dil.	dilute
disp.	dispense
div.	divide
d.t.d.	dispense such doses
D.W.	distilled water
elix.	elixir
emuls.	emulsion
e.t.	expired time
ex aq.	in water

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fl., fld.	fluid
g, G, gm	gram
gtt(s)	drop(s)
h, hr.	hour
h.s.	at bedtime
i.d.	intra dermal
i.m., IM	intramuscularly
inj.	inject
i.v., IV	intravenously
IVP	IV push
IVPB	IV piggyback
l., L.	liter
LCD	coal tar solution
lin.	liniment
liq.	liquid
lot.	lotion
mist.	mixture
mcg	microgram
mEq	milliequivalent
mg	milligram
neb., nebul.	nebulizer
NMT	not more than
noct.	at night
non rep.	do not repeat
NR	no refill
NS	normal saline, NaCl
½NS	half strength normal saline
NTE	not to exceed
o.d.	right eye
o.s., o.l.	left eye
o.u.	both eyes
oz	ounce
p.c.	after food, after meals
per	by
p.o.	by mouth
p.r.	rectally
prn	as needed
pulv.	pulverized
q	each, every
q.a.m.	every morning

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q.d.	every day
q.h.	every hour
q.h.s.	every night at bedtime
q.i.d.	four times daily
q.o.d.	every other day
q.s.	a sufficient quantity
R	rub
rep., rept.	repeat
RL, R/L	Ringer's lactated
SC, subc, subQ, subcut	subcutaneous
sig	write on label
SL	sublingual
sol.	solution
SR, XL, XR	slow release/extended release
ss	one-half
stat.	immediately
sup.	suppository
susp.	suspension
syr.	syrup
tab.	tablet
tal.c.	talcum
tbsp	tablespoonful
t.i.d., tid	three times daily
t.i.w.	three times a week
top.	topically
TPN	total parenteral nutrition
tsp	teaspoonful
troche	lozenge
u.d., utd., ut. dict.	as directed
ung., oint.	ointment
USP	United States Pharmacopeia
vag.	vaginally
w	with
w/o, wo	without
X	times
y.o., Y.O.	years old