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Medical Abbreviation list

Today's Prescriptions are preferably written in English. Some Latin abbreviations are used when prescribing the dose. Latin has been used as the language of prescription because,

1. It is the language of medical sciences throughout the world and therefore it is well understood by both the physician and the pharmacist. The meaning of pharmaceutical Latin terms remains the same in any part of the civilized world with very negligible chance of misinterpretation.
2. It assures some secrecy regarding the medication prescribed, which is necessary to avoid self-medication by the patient.
3. It is very convenient for the busy practitioner to use abbreviated Latin terms.

The most frequently used medical Latin terms and abbreviations are summarized.

Medical Latin Terms And abbreviation list

Abbreviations	Latin Terms	Meaning
a.	ante	Before
a.a	ana	of each
a.c	ante cibos	Before meal
d.	dies	a day
in.d	in dies	Daily
n.	nocte	at night
m	mane	Morning
stat	satim	Immediaetly
a.c.	ante cibos	Before Meals
a.j	ante jentaculum	before breakfast
a.p	ante pronium	before breakfast
i.c	inter cibos	during meals
p.c	post cibos	after meals
h.s	hora somni	at bed time
b.i.d	bis in die	Twice A day

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s.o.s	si opus sit	if Neccessory
p.r.n.	Pro Re neta	when neccessory
alt.hrs.	alternis horis	Alternate Hours
dol urg	Dolare urgente	when pain is Severe
ft.	Fiat	To Make
div.	divide	divide
ss	semis	half
ad.	ad	upto
Capiend	capiendus	To be taken
aq.	aqua	water
aq.bull	aqua bulliens	boiling water
aq.dest	aqua destillata	distilled water
ex.aqua	ex aqua	in water
n.r.non rep	non repetature Secundum artem	Do not repeat with Pharmaceutical Skill
sec.art		

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coch.	cochlear	A spoonful
coch.amp	cochlear amplum	A table spoonful
coch.mag	cochlear Magnum	A table spoonful
coch.min	one tea Spoonful	one tea Spoonful
mist.	mixture	a mixture
liq.	liquar	Solution
ht.	Haustus	Draught
collun	Collunarium	Nose Wash
Chart.	Charta	Powder
pulv.	pulvis	Powder
collyr.	collyrium	eyw wash
aurist	auristille	ear drops
narist	naristillae	nose drops
cataplasma	cataplasma	Poultice
Supp.	suppositorium	A suppository

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ung.	ungentum	an ointment
t.i.d.	ter in die	3 times a day
q.i.d.	quarter in die	4 times a day
omn.	omni	every
tuss. Urg.	Tussi Urgente	In Troublesome cough
co.	compositus	compound
mitt.	mitte	send
p.aeq.	partes aequales	equal part
c	cum	with
sum	sumendus	To Be taken
m.dict.	modo dicto	as directed
m.pres.	modo prescripto	as prescribed
e.lacte.	E.lacte	with Milk
u.utend	utendus	To Be Used
Cap.	Capiat	Let Him Take