

Abbreviation	Meaning	<u>Latin</u> (or <u>New Latin</u>) origin
u.d., ud	as <u>directed</u>	ut dictum
t.i.d., tid, TID	3 times a day	/thrice a day
t.d.s., tds, TDS, TID	take by mouth 3 times a day	ter die sumendus
Stat.	immediately, with no delay, now	<u>statim</u>
Sig., S.	<u>directions</u>	<u>signa</u>
Rx, R _x , R	<u>prescription</u>	<u>recipe</u>
qhs, h.s., hs	<u>at bedtime or</u> half strength	hora somni
qd, SID, o.d., od, OD,	once a <u>day</u> right <u>eye</u>	omne in die oculus dexter
q.wk. also qw	weekly (once a week)	
q.s., qs	a sufficient quantity (<u>enough</u>)	<u>quantum sufficiat</u>
q.p.m., qPM, qpm	every <u>afternoon or evening</u>	quaque post meridiem
q.o.d., qod	every other <u>day</u> / alternate days	quaque altera die
q.i.d, qid	4 times a day	quater in die
q.h.s., qhs	every night at bedtime	quaque hora somni

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q.h., qh	every <u>hour</u> , hourly	quaque hora
q.d.s, qds, QDS	4 times a day	quater die sumendum
q.d., qd	every day / daily	
q.a.m., qAM, qam	every <u>morning</u>	quaque ante meridiem
q.8.h., q8h	every 8 hours	quaque octava hora
q.6.h., q6h	every 6 hours	quaque sexta hora
q.4.h., q4h	every 4 hours	quaque quarta hora
q.2.h., q2h	every 2 hours	quaque secunda hora
q.1.h., q1h	every <u>hour</u>	quaque hora
q.	every	<u>quaque</u>
p.r.n., prn, PRN	as needed, (also Pertactin - a key antigen of ac.Pertussis vaccine)	<u>pro re nata</u>
p.r., pr, PR	<u>rectally</u>	<u>per rectum</u>
p.o., po, PO	orally / by <u>mouth</u> / <u>oral administration</u>	<u>per os</u> / <u>nonstandard form per orem</u>
p.m., pm, PM	<u>afternoon</u> or <u>evening</u>	<u>post meridiem</u>
p.c.	after <u>food</u>	post cibum

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o.u., ou, OU	both <u>eyes</u>	oculus uterque
o.s., os, OS	left <u>eye</u>	oculus sinister
nocte	every night	Omne Nocte
n.p.o., npo, NPO	nothing by mouth / <u>not by oral administration</u>	nil per os
iii	three tablets	très doses
ii	two tablets	duos doses
h., h	<u>hour</u>	<u>hora</u>
gtt., gtts	<u>drop(s)</u>	<u>gutta(e)</u>
b.i.d., bid, bed, BID	twice a day / twice daily / 2 times daily	bis in die
b.d.s, bds, BDS	2 times a day	bis die sumendum
a.u., au, AU	both ears together or each ear	aures unitas or auris uterque
a.s., as, AS	left ear	auris sinistra
a.m., am, AM	<u>morning</u>	<u>ante meridiem</u>
a.d., ad, AD	right ear	auris dextra
a.c.	before <u>meals</u>	ante cibum