

MEDICAL ABBREVIATIONS – Chapter Two

abd -abdomen	hs,H.S. -hour of sleep, bedtime	N+V -nausea and vomiting
a.c. -before meals	I&O -intake and output	NPO -nothing by mouth
ad lib -as desired	IM -intramuscular	qnoc -every night
a.m. -morning	lab -laboratory	q2h -every 2 hours
bid -twice daily	MN -midnight	q4h -every four hours
BM -bowel movement	noc -night	qod -every other day
BP -blood pressure	O₂ -oxygen	r/o -rule out
BRP -bathroom privileges	O -oral	ROM -range of motion
c -with	O.D. -right eye	Rx -treatment
CA -cancer	O.S. -left eye	̄ -without
cant -continuous	O.U. -both eyes	· ss -half
cap -capsule	os -mouth	spec -specimen
cath -catheter	oz -ounce	stat -immediately
cc,ml -cubic centimeter	̄ p -after	ss -enema-soap suds enema
comp -compound	pc -after meals	sub q -subcutaneous(injection)
c/o -complains of	per -as by	supp -suppository
CVA -cerebrovascular accident	p.m. -afternoon/evening	· T -one
CHF -congestive heart failure	po -by mouth	·· TT -two
EEG -electroencephelogram	prn -as needed	tab -tablet
EKG -electrocardiogram	p.t. -physical therapy	tid -3 times daily

En-enema		pt-patient	TPR-temperature, pulse, respiration
Fx-fracture	_	q̄-every	U.A.-urinalysis
Gr-grain		qd-every day	ung-ointment
(H)-hypodermic		qh-every hour	V.S.-vital signs
H2O-water		qid-4 times a day	w/c-wheelchair