

## IU East Nursing Medication Administration Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning	Abbreviation	Meaning
a	before	p	after
a.c.	before meals	p.c.	after meals
ad.lib.	as desired, freely	per	through or by
c	with	p.r.n.	when necessary
cap, caps	capsule	q.	every
d.c., D/C	discontinue	q. a.m.	every morning
DS	double strength	q.h.	every hour
EC	enteric coated	q2h, q 4h	every two hours, every four hours
elix.	elixir	qhs, qh.s.	every night at bedtime
fl. fld.	Fluid	q.s.	quantity sufficient
gtt	drop	s	without
h, hr	hour	ss, ss	one half
h.s.	hour of sleep, at bedtime	s.c., S.C., s.q.	subcutaneous
I.M.	intramuscular	sl, SL	sublingual
I.V.	intravenous	sol., soln	solution
IVPB	intravenous piggyback	SR	slow- release
LA	long-acting	stat, STAT	immediately, at once
LOS	length of stay	supp	suppository
NGT, ng	nasogastric tube	susp	suspension
n.p.o., NPO	nothing by mouth	syp, syr	syrup
NS, N/S	normal saline	tab	tablet
OD	right eye	t.i.d.	three times a day
OS	left eye	tinct	tincture
OU	both eyes	cc	cubic centimeter
oint	ointment	gr	grain
g	gram	L	liter
kg	kilogram	mg	milligram
mEq	milliequivalent	MU	milliunits
mL	milliliter	T, tbs.	tablespoon
oz.	ounce	U	unit
tsp, t.	teaspoon	BMI	body mass index
BSA	body surface area	PPN	peripheral parenteral Nutrition
TPN	total parenteral nutrition		

### Temperature Conversion rule

To convert Fahrenheit to Celsius, subtract 32 and divide by 1.8  
or  $C = \frac{5}{9} (F - 32)$

To convert Celsius to Fahrenheit multiply by 1.8 and add 32.  
or  $F = \frac{9}{5} C + 32$

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