

## COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

Six common abbreviations:

c-with s=without a=before p=after et=and

H.S.= hours of sleep

Examples:

A breakfast, bring in milk et butter.

Don't leave s turning out lights.

Check c husband about dinner.

Stop at bank p work.

Amb. C crutches.

Prefixes:

a = from, without

ante = before

anti = against

contra = against, opposed

post = after

|        |                              |
|--------|------------------------------|
| ./c    | with                         |
| ./s    | without                      |
| a.c    | before meals                 |
| abd    | abdomen                      |
| ad lib | as described                 |
| ADL    | activities of daily living   |
| amb    | ambulatory                   |
| amt    | amount                       |
| aqua   | water                        |
| at     | and                          |
| B.P.   | blood pressure               |
| B.R.P. | bathroom privilege           |
| BID    | twice a day                  |
| BM     | bowel movement               |
| C/O    | complaints of                |
| cap    | capsule                      |
| cc     | cubic centimeter             |
| cm     | centimeter                   |
| CVA    | stroke                       |
| D.C.   | discontinue                  |
| dr. or | dram                         |
| F.     | fahrenheit                   |
| FBS    | fasting blood sugar          |
| G.I.   | gastrointestinal             |
| gm.    | gram                         |
| gtts.  | drops                        |
| H2O    | water                        |
| hs     | at bedtime or hours of sleep |
| ht.    | height                       |
| L      | left                         |
| m.     | minm                         |
| mEq.   | milliequivalent              |
| mg.    | milligram                    |
| mm.    | millimeter                   |
| N.P.O. | nothing by mouth             |
| NA     | not applicable               |
| NA     | sodium or salt               |
| no.    | number                       |

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| noc.   | night                          |
| npo    | nothing by mouth               |
| od     | Right eye                      |
| os     | mouth                          |
| os     | Left eye                       |
| ou     | Both eyes                      |
| oz or  | ounce                          |
| p.c.   | after meals                    |
| p.o.   | by mouth                       |
| p.r.n  | as necessary                   |
| per    | through                        |
| PRN    | as needed or requested         |
| Q. 3h  | every three hours              |
| q.i.d. | four times a day               |
| Q.s.   | quantify sufficient            |
| qd     | everyday                       |
| QID    | four times a day               |
| R      | Rectal                         |
| R      | Right                          |
| R.O.   | reality orientation            |
| ROM    | range of motion                |
| Rx     | take                           |
| S.L.   | Sublingual (under the toungue) |
| S.Q    | Subcutaneous (or S.C.)         |
| SOB    | shortness of breath            |
| spec.  | specimen                       |
| ss.    | half                           |
| stat.  | immediately                    |
| Supp.  | suppostory                     |
| t.i.d. | three times a day              |
| tab.   | tablet                         |
| tr.    | tincture                       |
| ung.   | ointment                       |
| vin    | wine                           |
| w/c    | wheelchair                     |
| wt.    | Weight                         |

