

ABBREVIATIONS

DOSES

gm = gram
mg = milligram
mcg = microgram
cc = cubic centimeter
ml = milliliter
tsp = teaspoonful
tbsp = tablespoonful
gtt = drop
oz = ounce
mEq = milliequivalent

ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION

po = by mouth
pr = per rectum
OD = right eye
OS = left eye
OU = both eyes
AD = right ear
AS = left ear
AU = both ears
SL = sublingual (under the tongue)
SQ = subcutaneous (under the skin)
per GT = through gastrostomy tube

TIMES

QD = every day
BID = twice a day
TID = three times a day
QID = four times a day
q_h = every __ hours
qhs = at bedtime
ac = before meals
pc = after meals
PRN = as needed
QOD = every other day
ac/hs = before meals and at bedtime
pc/hs = after meals and at bedtime
STAT = immediately

OTHER

MAR = medication administration record
OTC = over the counter

****Abbreviations should not be used in orders or on the MARs, due to potential medication errors. Employee should be familiar with abbreviations and able to find a list when needed**