

Dimensional Analysis in Nursing



Table of Medical Abbreviations

There are many accepted medical abbreviations in use.

Below is a small sampling that you can use as a reference while working through the problems presented in this textbook.

Abbreviation	What it Means	Example
IM	intramuscular	epinephrine, 0.3 mg IM
IV	intravenously	acetaminophen, 1000 mg IV every 6 hours
subcut	subcutaneously	heparin, 250 units/kg subcut every 12 hours
po	by mouth, orally	acetaminophen-extended release, 1300 mg po every 8 hours
prn	as needed, when necessary	morphine, initial dose: 15 to 30 mg orally every 4 hours prn
stat	immediately	"Use your epinephrine auto-injector stat. "
bid	twice a day	aspirin, 1.5 g po bid
tid	three times a day	Tylenol, 325 mg po tid
qid	four times a day	ibuprofen, 400 mg po qid
qhs	every night at bedtime	Take amitriptyline, 20 mg qhs
q4h	every 4 hours	Codeine, 60 mg PO q4h
q6h	every 6 hours	Ibuprofen, 600 mg orally q6h
gtt	drops	Tubing set drop factor: 15 gtt /mL