

Medication Abbreviations

Here are some abbreviations you might find on prescription forms, on orders for lab tests, and in your medical files:

b.i.d.	give medication twice a day
CBC	complete blood count
ECG	electrocardiogram (looks for heart problems)
EEG	electro-encephalogram (looks for brain problems)
g	gram (unit of measurement)
h.s.	at bedtime
kg	kilogram
L	liter
mg	milligram
NSAID	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (such as aspirin)
O ₂	oxygen
OTC	over-the-counter (non-prescription)
P.O.	by mouth
P.R.	rectally (in your bottom)
p.r.n.	as needed
q.i.d.	every day
qid.	four times a day
RBC	red blood-cell count
S.L.	sublingual (under the tongue)
t.i.d.	three times a day
WBC	white blood-cell count

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