Drug Administration Abbreviations

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| **1.** before meals | **A.** pc |
| **2.** as desired/as directed | **B.** bid |
| **3.** Morning | **C.** PO |
| **4.** twice a day | **D.** tid |
| **5.** capsules | **E.** cap |
| **6.** drop | **F.** no |
| **7.** hour | **G.** h or hr |
| **8.** intramuscular | **H.** q12h |
| **9.** intravenous | **I.** q4h |
| **10.** number | **J.** gtt |
| **11.** after meals; after eating | **K.** q2h |
| **12.** by mouth | **L.** Rx |
| **13.** afternoon | **M.** prn |
| **14.** when needed/necessary | **N.** IM |
| **15.** four times per day | **O.** q8h |
| **16.** every 2 hours (even or when first given) | **P.** ad lib |
| **17.** every four hours (even) | **Q.** ac |
| **18.** every 6 hours (even) | **R.** PM |
| **19.** every 8 hours (even) | **S.** q6h |
| **20.** every 12 hours | **T.** IV |
| **21.** take | **U.** qid |
| **22.** immediately; at once | **V.** AM |
| **23.** tablet | **W.** STAT |
| **24.** three times a day | **X.** tab |