Medication Abbreviations

1. Which of the following medical abbreviations mean “as desired or as needed”?
   a. Ad lib.
   b. p.r.n.
   c. a.rq.
   d. as.nd.
   e. b.i.d

2. Which of the following abbreviations means “acquired immune deficiency syndrome”?
   a. HIV
   b. ADH
   c. AIDS
   d. STD
   e. ADS

3. Which one of the following abbreviations means “left ear”?
   a. AD
   b. AU
   c. LE
   d. EL
   e. AS

4. Which of the following abbreviations means “twice a day”?
   a. b.i.d.
   b. h.s.
   c. p.c.
   d. q.2h.
   e. t.i.d.
5. Which of the following abbreviations means “blood glucose”?
   a. Ba  
   b. BG  
   c. BM  
   d. BMI  
   e. BS

6. Which of the following abbreviations stands for “body mass index”?
   a. Ba  
   b. BG  
   c. BM  
   d. BMI  
   e. BS

7. Which of the following abbreviations means “blood pressure”?
   a. Hg  
   b. BG  
   c. BM  
   d. BP  
   e. BS

8. Which of the following abbreviations means “cubic centimeter”?
   a. cm  
   b. mL  
   c. mm  
   d. c3  
   e. cc

9. Which of the following abbreviations means “gram”?
   a. g, gm  
   b. cm  
   c. mg  
   d. mmg  
   e. G
10. Which of the following abbreviations means “at bedtime”?
   
a. hs
b. h.s.
c. abt
d. qPM
e. qBT

11. Which of the following abbreviations means “milligram”?
   
a. mm
b. mg/dl
c. MI
d. mg
e. mL

12. Which of the following abbreviations means “milliliter”?
   
a. mg
b. mm
c. mg/dl
d. MI
e. mL, ml

13. Which of the following abbreviations means “nothing by mouth”?
   
a. NPO, n.p.o.
b. NBM
c. pc, p.c.d. NOE
e. n.b.m.

14. Which of the following abbreviations means “right eye”?
   
a. OB
b. OD
c. OR
d. OS
e. OU
15. Which of the following abbreviations means “left eye”?

   a. OB
   b. OD
   c. OL
   d. OS
   e. OU

16. Which of the following abbreviations means “after meals”?

   a. n.p.o.
   b. pc, p.c.
   c. p.o.
   d. p.r.n.
   e. qAM

17. Which of the following abbreviations means “every morning”?

   a. qAM
   b. q.i.m.
   c. a.m.
   d. q.i.d.
   e. q.o.d.

18. Which of the following abbreviations means “every other day”?

   a. q.o.d.
   b. q.i.d.
   c. qPM
   d. e.o.d.
   e. t.i.d.

19. Which of the following abbreviations means to initiate treatment immediately?

   a. ASAP, asap
   b. STAT, stat.
   c. NOW
   d. ITIM
   e. t.i.n.
20. The abbreviation “p.c.” means before meals.
   True    False

21. The abbreviation “t.i.d.” means two times a day.
   True    False

22. The abbreviation “OD” means right ear.
   True    False

23. The abbreviation “hs” means give at bedtime.
   True    False

24. The abbreviation “q.o.d.” means four times a day.
   True    False

   True    False

26. The abbreviation “R/O” means rolled over.
   True    False

27. The abbreviation “GI” refers to glucose intolerance.
   True    False

28. What is the medication abbreviation for administration via an “intradermal route”?

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29. What is the medication abbreviation for “by rectum”?
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30. What is the medication abbreviation for “nasogastric tube”?
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31. What is the medication abbreviation for “vaginal route”?
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32. What is the medication abbreviation for “swish and swallow”?
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33. What is the medication abbreviation for “immediately”?
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34. What is the medication abbreviation for “suppository”?
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35. What is the medication abbreviation for “ointment”?
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36. What is the medical abbreviation for “pregnant”?
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37. What is the medical abbreviation for “hypertension”?
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38. What is the medical abbreviation for “sodium”?

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39. What is the medical abbreviation for “out of bed”?

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40. What is the medical abbreviation for “intrauterine device”?

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Answer Key to Abbreviations: Quiz 1

Q01  a, b  Use of the abbreviation “p.r.n.” is no longer recommended!
Q02  c
Q03  e  Use of this abbreviation (AS) is now strongly discouraged.
Q04  a  Use of this abbreviation (b.i.d.) is now strongly discouraged.
Q05  b
Q06  d
Q07  d
Q08  e  A cubic centimeter is the same as a milliliter (1/1000 of a liter). The recommendation is to use the measurement “mL” instead.
Q09  a
Q10  b  Use of this abbreviation (h.s.) is now strongly discouraged.
Q11  d  A milligram is 1/1000 of a gram.
Q12  e  A milliliter is 1/1,000 of a liter.
Q13  a  Use of this abbreviation (NPO, n.p.o.) in medical records is now discouraged.
Q14  b  Use of this abbreviation (OD) is no longer recommended!
Q15  d  Use of this abbreviation (OS) is no longer recommended!
Q16  b  Use of this abbreviation (pc, p.c.) is now strongly discouraged.
Q17  a  Use of this abbreviation (qAM) is no longer recommended!
Q18  a  Use of this abbreviation (q.o.d.) is no longer recommended!
Q19  b
Q20  F  “p.c.” means after meals. Use of this abbreviation is no longer recommended!
Q21  F  “b.i.d” means twice a day; “t.i.d.” means three times a day. Use of both these abbreviations is no longer recommended!
Q22  F  “OD” means right eye; AD means right ear. Use of both abbreviations is currently discouraged.
Q23  F  “h.s.” means gives at bedtime; “hs” means half strength. Use of both of these abbreviations is now strongly discouraged.
| Q24  | F | “q.o.d” means every other day; “q.i.d.” means 4 times a day. Use of both these abbreviations is now strongly discouraged. |
| Q25  | F | “p.o.” means give by mouth (orally); “n.p.o.” means nothing by mouth. Use of both these abbreviations is now strongly discouraged. |
| Q26  | F | “R/O” means to rule out! |
| Q27  | F | GI means gastrointestinal. |
| Q28  |  | I.D. / ID |
| Q29  |  | P.R. / PR |
| Q30  |  | NGT |
| Q31  |  | P.V. / V |
| Q32  |  | S&S |
| Q33  |  | STAT / stat |
| Q34  |  | supp |
| Q35  |  | ung |
| Q36  |  | G (for Gravida) |
| Q37  |  | HTN |
| Q38  |  | Na |
| Q39  |  | OOB |
| Q40  |  | IUD |