

Sig codes and frequency

Sig code	Significance	Sig code	Significance
prn	As needed	1XD	One time a day
STAT	Immediately	AM	In the morning
2STAT	Take 2 (tablets, capsules, etc.) immediately	PM	In the evening
q	Every	qAM	Every morning
qd	Once a day or every day	AMPM	In the morning and evening
qh	Every hourly	hs	At bedtime
q4h	Every four hourly	ASAP	As soon as possible
bid	Twice daily	c	With
tid	Three times a day	UD	As directed
qid	Four times a day	QS	Quantity sufficient
qod	Every other day		

Table show sig codes denoting routes to take a medication

Sig code	Route	Sig code	Route	Sig code	Route
ad	In right ear	os	In left eye	im	Intramuscularly
as	In left ear	ou	In both eyes	pv	Per vaginally
au	In both ears	po	By mouth	sl	Sublingual
od	In right eye	PR	Per rectal	en	In each nostril

Table show other common abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning	Abbreviation	Meaning
gtt(s)	Drop(s)	tblsp	Tablespoon (15 ml)
tab	Tablet	tsp	Teaspoon (5 ml)
supp	Suppository	cap	Capsule
SS	One-half	INH	Inhale
S/S	Swish and swallow	INJ	Inject
pc	After meals	SR	Sustained release
mg	Milligram	XR	Extended-release
ml	Milliliter	NPI	National provider identifier