COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

Six common abbreviations: c-with s=without a=before p=after et=and H.S.= hours of sleep

Examples:

A breakfast, bring in milk et butter. Don't leave s turning out lights. Check c husband about dinner. Stop at bank p work. Amb. C crutches.

Prefixes:

a = from, withoutante = beforeanti = againstcontra = against, opposedpost = after

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mg. milligram						
mm. millimeter						
N.P.O. nothing by mouth	N.P.O.	nothing by mouth				
NA not applicable	NA					
NA sodium or salt	NA					
no. number	no.					

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noc.	night			
npo	nothing by mouth			
od	Right eye			
OS	mouth			
os	Left eye			
ou	Both eyes			
oz or	ounce			
p.c.	after meals			
p.o.	by mouth			
p.r.n	as necessary			
per	through			
PRN	as needed or requested			
Q. 3h	every three hours			
q.i.d.	four times a day			
Q.s.	quantify sufficient			
qd QID	everyday			
	four times a day			
R	Rectal			
R	Right			
R.O.	reality orientation			
ROM	range of motion			
Rx	take			
S.L.	Sublingual (under the tounge)			
S.Q	Subcutaneous (or S.C.)			
SOB	shortness of breath			
spec.	specimen			
SS.	half			
stat.	immediately			
Supp.	suppostory			
t.i.d.	three times a day			
tab.	tablet			
tr.	tincture			
ung.	ointment			
vin	wine			
w/c	wheelchair			
wt.	Weight			