

GLOSSARY OF LATIN ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE PRESCRIPTIONS

I

Instructions

Aa.	ana: of each
Applic.	applicandus: to be applied
B.i.d.	bis in die: twice a day
C.	cum: with
Cap.	capiat: let him take
D.d.	de die: daily
Dim.	dimidius: half
Dolor. urg.	dolore urgenti: on an attack of pain
Dos.	dosis: a dose
Ex Aq.	ex aqua: in water
F. Ft.	fiat, fiat: let it (them) be made
Ft. mist.	fiat mistura: let a mixture be made
Ft. pil.	fiat pilulae: let pills be made
Gtt.	guttae: drops, or guttatim: by drops
H.	hora: at the hour of
H.s.	hora somni: at bedtime
Horis.	horis (secundis, tertiis, quartis): every (two, three, four) hours
3tiis horis.	an alternative form of every three hours
4tis horis.	an alternative form of every four hours
M.	mane: in the morning
Mitt.	Mitte: send
M. d. u.	more dicto utendus: use as directed
N.	nocte: night
N. manequē	nocte manequē: night and morning
P.r.n.	pro re nata: occasionally
Q.d.	quater die: four times a day
Quat.	quatuor: four, or quater: four times
Q.q.h.	quarta quaque hora: every fourth hour
4ta qq. hor	an alternative form of Q.q.h. (Snow invariably writes 4ta q.q. hor)
2undus qq. hor	every second hour
Q.s.	quantum sufficiat: sufficient
Quot.	quotidie: daily
℞	℞cipe, take
Rep.	repetat: let him repeat
Repr.	repetatur: let it be repeated
S.	sumat: let the patient take, or sine: without
S.A.	secundum artem: according to the art, i.e. pharmaceutical skill
Sine	without
S.O.S.	si opus sit: if necessary

S.s.	semisse: the half
Stat.	statim: immediately
Sumend.	sumendus: to be taken
Ter	ter: thrice
T.i.d.	ter in die: three times a day
[th]	Snow frequently inserted "th" between the prescription and the instructions for administration. The meaning of this abbreviation is unknown.

II

Names of Drugs and Preparations

Ac. Acet.	Acetic Acid
Ac. Hydrocyan. Dil.	Dilute Hydrocyanic (Prussic) Acid
Ac. Mur. Dil.	Dilute Muriatic (Hydrochloric) Acid
Ac. Nit. Dil.	Dilute Nitric Acid
Ac. Sulph. Dil.	Dilute Sulphuric Acid
Acet. Sc.	Vinegar of Scilla (squill)
Ant. Pot. Tart.	Antimony Potassium Tartrate or Tartar Emetic
Ammon. Sesquicarb.	Sesquicarbonate or Carbonate of Ammonia
Aq.	Aqua: Water
Aq. Menth.	Peppermint Water
Aq. Carui	Carraway Water
Bismuth Trisnit.	Nitrate of Bismuth
Blue Pill.	Common name for pills of finely divided metallic mercury
Calomel	Mercurous Chloride
Camph.	Camphor.
Catech.	Catechu
Collyr.	Collyrium: an eye lotion
Conf. Arom.	Aromatic Confection
Creta	Chalk
Decoct. Chimaphil.	Decoction of Chimaphila (winter green)
Decoct. Cinchona	Decoction of (quinine bearing) Cinchona Bark
Decoct. Sarsae	Decoction of Sarsaparilla
Digital.	Digitalis (foxglove)
Ext. Coloc. Co.	Compound Extract of Colocynth
Ext. Conii	Extract of Conium (hemlock)
Ext. Gent.	Extract of Gentian
Ext. Stramon.	Extract of Stramonium (thorn apple)
Emp.	Emplastrum: a plaster
Emp. Ant. Tart.	Plaster of Antimony Potassium Tartrate
Emp. Lyttae	Plaster of Lyttae (Cantharides)
Fer. Cit.	Citrate of Iron

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Haust.	Haustus: a draught
Haust. Aper.	Aperient Draught
Haust. Cath.	Cathartic Draught
Haust. Rhei.	Rhubarb Draught
Hyd. Chlor.	Chloride of Mercury (Mercurous Chloride or Calomel)
Inf. Buchu	Infusion of Buchu
Inf. Calumbae	Infusion of Calumba
Inf. Casca.	Infusion of Cascarella
Inf. Gent. Co.	Compound Infusion of Gentian
Inf. Quass.	Infusion of Quassia
Ipecac.	Ipecacuanha
Lin. Anod.	Anodyne Liniment
Lin. Camph. c. Opio.	Camphor Liniment with Opium
Lin. Tereb.	Turpentine Liniment
Liq. Amm. Acet.	Solution of Acetate of Ammonia
Liq. Potass.	Solution of Carbonate of Potash
Lotio Aluminis	Alum Lotion
Lotio Boracis	Borax Lotion
Lotio Plumbi	Lead Lotion
Limon. Succ.	Lemon Juice
Mag. Carb.	Magnesium Carbonate
Mag. Sulp.	Magnesium Sulphate
Mel. Boracis	Honey of Borax
Mist.	Mistura: a mixture
Mist. Ammon. Acet.	Ammonium Acetate Mixture
Mist. Ammon. Carb.	Ammonium Carbonate Mixture
Mist. Camp.	Camphor Mixture
Mist. Carmin.	Carminative Mixture
Mist. Cath.	Cathartic Mixture
Mist. Creta.	Chalk Mixture
Mist. Ferri Cit.	Iron Citrate Mixture
Mist. Ipecac.	Ipecacuanha Mixture
Mist. Quin.	Quinine Mixture
Mist. Rhei.	Rhubarb Mixture
Mist. Salin.	Saline Mixture
Ol. Ricini	Castor Oil
Oxymel	a syrup compounded of vinegar and honey
Oxymel Scill.	Oxymel of Squill
Pil. Aloes Co.	Compound Pill of Aloes
Pil. Anod.	Anodyne Pill
Pil. Aper.	Aperient Pill
Pil. Cal. c. Opio	Pill of Calomel with Opium
Pil. Copaib.	Pill of Copaiba
Pil. Ferri Co.	Compound Pill of Iron
Pil. Galban. Co.	Compound Pill of Galbanum

Pil. Ipecac. Co.	Compound Pill of Ipecacuanha
Pil. Rhei. Co.	Compound Pill of Rhubarb
Pot. Acet.	Potassium Acetate
Pot. Carb.	Potassium Carbonate
Pot. Cit.	Potassium Citrate
Pot. Iod.	Potassium Iodide
Pulv.	Pulvis: a powder
Pulv. Alter.	Alterative Powder
Pulv. Aper.	Aperient Powder
Pulv. Cath.	Cathartic Powder
Pulv. Dover	Dover's Powder (Ipecacuanha and Opium)
Pulv. Hyd. c. cret.	a powder composed of mercury and chalk
Pulv. Jalap. Co.	Compound Powder of Jalap
Pulv. Rhei Co.	Compound Rhubarb Powder
Pulv. Sabin.	Powdered Sabina (savin)
Pulv. Scamm. Co.	Compound Powder of Scammony
Sacch.	Saccharum: sugar
Sinapismus	a mustard poultice
Sod. Carb.	Sodium Carbonate
Sod. Pot. Tart.	Tartrate of Sodium and Potassium
Sod. Sesquicarb.	Sodium Sesquicarbonate: now called Bicarbonate
Sol. Quinae	Solution of Quinine Sulphate
Spts.	Spiritus: spirit
Spts. Ammon. Arom.	Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia
Spts. Ether Nit.	Spirit of Nitrous Ether
Spts. Juniper Co.	Compound Spirit of Juniper
Spts. Lavend.	Spirit of Lavender
Spts. Myrist.	Spirit of Myristica (nutmeg)
Spts. Rect.	Rectified Spirit
Syr. Aurant.	Syrup of Orange
Syr. Boracis	Syrup or Honey of Borax
Syr. Simp.	Simple Syrup
Tr. Camp. Co.	Compound Tincture of Camphor
Tr. Card. Co.	Compound Tincture of Cardamom
Tr. Cinch.	Tincture of Cinchona
Tr. Colch.	Tincture of Colchicum
Tr. Digit.	Tincture of Digitalis
Tr. Hyosc.	Tincture of Hyoscyamus (henbane)
Tr. Ipecac.	Tincture of Ipecacuanha
Tr. Lyttae	Tincture of Lytta (Cantharides)
Tr. Opii	Tincture of Opium
Tr. Rhei Co.	Compound Tincture of Rhubarb
Tr. Secal.	Tincture of Secale Cornutum (ergot)
Tr. Valer.	Tincture of Valerian
Ung.	Unguentum: an ointment

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Ung. Hyd. Ox.	Ointment of Red Oxide of Mercury
Ung. Iod.	Ointment of Iodine
Ung. Zinc	Ointment of Zinc Oxide
Vin.	Vinum: a wine
Vin. Ant. Tart.	Antimonial Wine containing Antimony Potassium Tartrate
Vin. Colch.	Colchicum Wine
Vin. Ipecac.	Ipecacuanha Wine
Zinc. Chlor.	Zinc Chloride
Zinc Sulph.	Zinc Sulphate