



NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

Standard Abbreviations to be used on Medication
 Charts.
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STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS TO BE USED ON MEDICATION CHARTS

ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS	
Meaning	Abbreviation
Dose, frequency or timing	
Once a day	daily
Twice a day	bd
Three times a day	tds
Four times a day	qid
Every four hours	every 4 hrs, 4 hourly, 4 hrly
Every 24 hours	every 24 hrs, 24 hourly, 24 hrly
prn	as necessary
Routes of administration	
endotracheal tube	ETT
intra-arterial	IA
intramuscular	IM
intravenous	IV
nebulisation	neb
naso gastric tube	NGT
oral	PO
subcutaneous	subcut
Units of measure and concentration	
gram(s)	g
kilogram(s)	kg
litre (s)	L
microgram(s)	microg
milligram(s)	mg
millilitres	mL
millimole(s)	mmol
International units	units

Reference: National inpatient medication chart approved abbreviations