

Sig Codes Reference Guide

Quick Reference for Healthcare Professionals

Frequency & Timing

Abbreviation	Latin Origin	Meaning
QD	quaque die	Once daily
BID	bis in die	Twice daily
TID	ter in die	Three times daily
QID	quater in die	Four times daily
Q4H	quaque 4 hora	Every 4 hours
Q6H	quaque 6 hora	Every 6 hours
Q8H	quaque 8 hora	Every 8 hours
Q12H	quaque 12 hora	Every 12 hours
PRN	pro re nata	As needed
STAT	statim	Immediately

Timing Instructions

Abbreviation	Latin Origin	Meaning
AC	ante cibum	Before meals
PC	post cibum	After meals
QAM	quaque ante meridiem	Every morning
QPM	quaque post meridiem	Every evening
QHS	quaque hora somni	At bedtime
QOD	quaque altera die	Every other day

Routes of Administration

Abbreviation	Latin Origin	Meaning
PO	per os	By mouth
IV	intravenous	Intravenous
IM	intramuscular	Intramuscular
SQ/SC	subcutaneous	Subcutaneous
SL	sublingual	Under the tongue
TOP	topical	Topically
PR	per rectum	Rectally
OD	oculus dexter	Right eye
OS	oculus sinister	Left eye
OU	oculus uterque	Both eyes
AD	auris dextra	Right ear
AS	auris sinistra	Left ear
AU	auris uterque	Both ears

Dosage Forms

Abbreviation	Latin Origin	Meaning
tab	tabella	Tablet
cap	capsula	Capsule
susp	suspensio	Suspension
sol	solutio	Solution
ung	unguentum	Ointment
cr	cremor	Cream
gtt	guttae	Drops
supp	suppositorium	Suppository
inj	injectio	Injection