

ABBREVIATIONS

ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone	IV	intravenous
ADH	antidiuretic hormone	KCl.....	potassium chloride
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	kg.....	kilogram(s)
ALL	acute lymphocytic leukemia	L	litre(s)
AML	acute myelogenous leukemia	LAP.....	leucocyte alkaline phosphatase
ANC	absolute neutrophil count	LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
ASA.....	aspirin	LH.....	luteinizing hormone
AST.....	aspartate aminotransferase	LHRH.....	luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone
ATP.....	adenosine 5'-triphosphate	M.....	molar
AUC	area under the plasma concentration-time curve	m ²	square metre
BCCA.....	British Columbia Cancer Agency	MAO	monoamine oxidase
bid.....	twice a day	mcg.....	microgram(s)
biw	twice a week	mEq	milliequivalent(s)
BMT	bone marrow transplant	mg.....	milligram(s)
BP	British Pharmacopoeia	MgSO ₄	magnesium sulfate
BSA.....	body surface area	min.....	minute(s)
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	mL.....	millilitre(s)
BWI.....	bacteriostatic water for injection	MRI.....	magnetic resonance imaging
°C.....	degrees Celsius	MU	million units
CBC	complete blood count	NAD	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
CD4 cell	helper cell	NADH	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (reduced form)
CD8 cell	suppressor cell	NK cell	natural killer cell
CHF	congestive heart failure	NS.....	normal saline (sodium chloride 0.9%)
Cl	apparent total body clearance	½NS.....	½ saline (sodium chloride 0.45%)
cm.....	centimetre(s)	NSABP	National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project
CML	chronic myelogenous leukemia	NSAID.....	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
CNS	central nervous system	PABA.....	para-aminobenzoic acid
CPS	Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties	pH.....	power of hydrogen (scale measuring acid/alkaline nature of solution)
Cr	creatinine	PO.....	by mouth
CrCl.....	creatinine clearance	PPB.....	plasma protein binding
CSF.....	cerebrospinal fluid	prn.....	(pro re nata) as needed
CT	computed tomography	PSA.....	prostate-specific antigen
CYP	Cytochrome P450	PVC	polyvinyl chloride

DBL.....	David Bull Laboratories	qid.....	four times a day
DEHP.....	di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	RBC.....	red blood cell
DES.....	diethylstilbestrol	RNA.....	ribonucleic acid
DLCO.....	pulmonary diffusion capacity for carbon monoxide	s.....	second(s)
DNA.....	deoxyribonucleic acid	SC.....	subcutaneous
D5-½NS.....	dextrose 5% in 0.45% sodium chloride	sec.....	second(s)
D5NS.....	dextrose 5% in normal saline (sodium chloride 0.9%)	SGOT.....	serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase (AST, aspartate aminotransferase)
D5W.....	dextrose 5% in water	SGPT.....	serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase (ALT, alanine aminotransferase)
D¾-¼NS.....	dextrose 3.3% in sodium chloride 0.3%	SIADH.....	syndrome of inappropriate secretion of antidiuretic hormone
ECG.....	electrocardiogram	SWI.....	sterile water for injection (preservative-free)
e.g.,.....	for example	TB.....	tuberculosis
eps.....	extrapyramidal symptoms	TDD.....	total digitalizing dose
etc.....	et cetera, and so on	tid.....	three times a day
°F.....	degrees Fahrenheit	tiw.....	three times a week
FSH.....	follicle-stimulating hormone	U.....	unit(s)
FVC.....	forced vital capacity	µmol.....	micromole(s)
g.....	gram(s)	USP.....	United States Pharmacopoeia
GFR.....	glomerular filtration rate	VAD.....	venous access device
GI.....	gastrointestinal	Vd.....	apparent volume of distribution
GnRH.....	gonadotropin-releasing hormone	VIP.....	vasoactive intestinal peptide
h.....	hour(s)	VOD.....	veno-occlusive disease
HPB.....	Health Protection Branch	WBC.....	white blood cell
i.e.,.....	that is	y.....	year
IM.....	intramuscular		
IT.....	intrathecal		
IU.....	international unit(s)		