Identifying Medical Terminology & Abbreviations

Medication	Abbreviations	
A.C.	Before meals	
B.I.D.	Twice a day	
С	With	
cc	Cubic centimeter (also milliliter)	
cap.	Capsule Capsule	
elix.	Elixir (drug dissolved in syrup containing alcohol)	
gm or g.	Gram	
gr.	Grain	
gtt.	Drop	
H.S.	At bed time	
i	One (1)	
inj.	Injection	
I.M.	Intramuscular	
I.V.	Intravenous	
mg.	Milligram	
P.C.	After meals	
per	By or through	
P.O.	By mouth	
p.r.n	When necessary; as needed	
q.	Every	
Q.D	Every day	
q.1h.	Every hour	
q.4h.	Every 4 hours	
Q.I.D.	Four times a day	
Q.O.D.	Every other day	
S	Without	
Sig.	Label	
sol. or soln.	Solution	
Stat.	Immediately	
Tab.	Tablet	
T.I.D.	Three times a day	
Ung.	Ointment	
ou	Both eyes	
od	Right eye	
os	Left eye	

Measurement Chart

1000 ml = 1 quart	2 Tbsp = 1 fluid ounce
30 ml = 2 tablespoons full	1 Tbsp = 1/2 fluid ounce
30 gm = 1 ounce	1 tsp = 5 cc
1 gm = 15 grains	30 ml = 1 fluid ounce
60 mg = 1 grain	milliliters/ centimeters = fluid
	grams = solid

Physical Assessment Terms

Term	Definition
B.P. or B/P or b/p	Blood pressure
temp.	Temperature
resp.	Respiration (breathing)
G.I.	Gastrointestinal track
B.M. or b.m.	Bowel movement
void	Urinate (pass water)
pulse	Heartbeat felt at arteries
S.O.B.	Shortness of breath
sq	Subcutaneous (beneath the skin into the fat)