

COMMON TERMS IN YOUR RESULTS LISTING

Systolic Blood Pressure	The top number of blood pressure, typically the higher of the two numbers.
Diastolic Blood Pressure	The bottom number of blood pressure, typically the lower of the two numbers.
BSA Measured	Body Surface Area, a measurement of body size based on surface area
Body Mass Index	A measurement of body fat based on height and weight; also called BMI
SpO₂	Oxygen Saturation of the blood; 95 - 100% is considered a normal range
Respiratory Rate	Number of breaths per minute

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS USED IN MEDICATION ORDERS

a or a. before
a.c. before meals
ad lib as desired
alt. h. alternate hours
am in the morning; before noon
aq. water
bid twice a day
ċ with
cap., caps. capsule
dil. dilute
dist. distilled
DS double strength
EC enteric coated
elix. elixir
ext. external, extract
fl, fld fluid
g gram
gr grain

gtt drop
H hypodermic
h, hr hour
IM intramuscular
inj. injection
IV intravenous
IVP IV push
IVPB IV piggyback
kg kilogram
L liter
lb pound
liq. liquid
mcg, mg microgram
mEq milliequivalent
mg milligram
mL milliliter
noct. night
om on morning
on on night

oz ounce
p or p. after, per
p.c. after meals
PO by mouth
pm afternoon, evening
prn as needed, according to necessity
q each, every
qh every hour
qid, Qqds four times a day
q1h every 1 hour
q2h every 2 hours
q3h every 3 hours
q4h every 4 hours
q6h every 6 hours
q8h every 8 hours
q12h every 12 hours
qs as much as needed, quantity, sufficient

qt quart
R. or PR rectally, per rectum
Rx take, prescription
S, Sig give the following directions
̄ without
sid once daily
sol. or soln. solution
SQ subcutaneous
stat. immediately, at once
tab. tablet
tbsp, T tablespoon
tds, tid three times a day
tinct., tr tincture
tsp, t teaspoon
ung. ointment