

**m/r** modified-release; alternatives, controlled-release, extended-release, prolonged-release, slow-release, sustained-release

**OTC** over the counter (i.e. can be obtained without a prescription)

**p.c.** post cibum (after food)

**PO** per os, by mouth

**POM** prescription-only medicine

**PR** per rectum

**PV** per vaginum

**SC** subcutaneous

**SL** sublingual

**TD** transdermal

**TM** transmucosal

**vial** sterile container with a rubber bung containing either a single or multiple doses (cf. amp)

**WFI** water for injections

#### WHEN TO ADMINISTER DRUGS

When to administer	Abbreviation	Latin
Twice per day	<b><u>b.d.</u></b>	bis die
Three times per day	<b><u>t.d.s.</u></b>	ter die sumendus
Four times per day	<b><u>q.d.s.</u></b>	quarta die sumendus
Every 4 hours	<b><u>Q4h</u></b>	quaque quarta hora
In the morning	<b><u>Mane</u></b>	
In the evening	<b><u>Tarde</u></b>	
At night	<b><u>Nocte</u></b>	
Rescue medication ( as required/ as needed)	<b><u>p.r.n.</u></b>	pro re nata
Give immediately	<b><u>stat</u></b>	