# NHS Prescription Services

## Drug and appliance abbreviations

### (Abbreviated text/unabbreviated text)

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* This document is a list of all the abbreviations used to describe medicines held on the NHS Prescription Services Drug Master file. It shows the abbreviated description in the first column with the full description in the second column. The abbreviations have been created so that as much details as possible can be included in the description field of the presentation.
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# Drug and Appliance Abbreviation Names

\* used only when lack of space will not allow full description

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| **A** |  |
| & | And |
| + | With |
| A-Bact | Antibacterial |
| A/Biologics | American Biologics |
| A-Biot\* | Antibiotic |
| Acute/Crnry Synd\* | Acute Coronary Syndrome |
| A/Dand | Anti(-)Dandruff |
| A/F | Additive Free (inc Lactose Free) |
| A/Knee | Above Knee |
| A/Lip  A-Pers | Alpha Lipoic  Anti-Perspirant |
| Adh/Rem\* | Adhesive Remover (See Adhesive) |
| A/Research | Allergy Research |
| A/Ring\* | Adapt/Adapter Ring |
| A/Saville | Antoinette Saville |
| A/Sleeve\* | Armsleeve |
| A/Spy | Aero Spray / Aerosol Spray |
| A/Strp  Ab\* | Adhesive Strip  Abdominal |
| Absorb | Absorbable/Absorbent |
| Acc\* | Accessories |
| Accu | Accuseal |
| Acebut | Acebutolol |
| Acet | Acetate |
| Acetomenaph | Acetomenaphthone |
| Aceton | Acetonide |
| Acetyl Wool Alc\* | Acetylated Wool Alcohols |
| Acetylchol | Acetylcholine |
| Acetylcy | Acetylcysteine |
| Acetylsalic  Act\* | Acetylsalicylic  Action |
| Ad | Adsorbed |
| Adapt | Adapter |
| Add | Additive |
| Adh | Adhesive |
| Adj\* | Adjustable |
| Admin | Administration |
| Adren | Adrenaline |
| Advan | Advance(d) |
| Aero | Aerosol |
| Algin\* | Alginate |
| Allgy | Allergy |
| All Purp | All Purpose |
| Allgs | Allergens |
| Alt\* | Allternative |
| Alum | Aluminium |
| Ambre Sol | Ambre Solaire |
| Aminobenz | Aminobenzoate |
| Aminosal | Aminosalicylate |
| Aminosalic | Aminosalicylic |
| Ammon | Ammonium |
| Ammoniat | Ammoniated |
| Amorph | Amorphous |
| Amp | Ampoule(s) |
| Amfet | Amfetamine |
| Amlobarb  Amobarb | Amlobarbitone  Amobarbital |
| Anaes\* | Anaesthetic |
| Anhy | Anhydrous |
| Ank | Ankle / Anklet |
| Antaz | Antazoline |
| Antihist\* | Antihistamine / Antihistamines |
| Antilymph | Antilymphocyte |
| Antim | Antimony |
| Antiox | Anti(-)Oxidant |
| Antis | Antiseptic |
| Antisec\* | Antisectretory |
| Apomorph | Apomorphine |
| Apothec | Apothecure |
| App | Appliance |
| Applic | Application / Applicator |
| Aq | Aqueous |
| Arach | Arachis |
| Arom | Aromatic |
| Ascorb | Ascorbate |
| Assim | Assimilation |
| Ath | Athlete(s) |
| Atom | Atomiser / Atomizer |
| Atrop | Atropine |
| Atten | Attenuated |
| Aus B/Care | Australian Bodycare |
| Ayrton's | Ayrton's Preparations |

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| **B** |  |
| B.C.G. | Bacillus Calmette Guerin |
| B/A | Breath Actuated |
| B/Berry | Blueberry |
| B/Chry\* | Black Cherry |
| B/Film\* | Barrier Film |
| B/Health | Botanical Health |
| B/Knee | Below Knee |
| B/Less | Borderless |
| B/Milk | Breast Milk |
| B/Plt | Base Plate |
| B/Supp\* | Bag Support |
| B/Wheat\* | Buckwheat |
| B/Y\* | Brewers Yeast |
| Baco | Bacon |
| Bact | Bacterial |
| Ball | Balloon |
| Band  Bdr\* | Bandage / Bandaging  Border |
| Beclomet | Beclometasone |
| Bellad | Belladonna |
| Bendroflumeth | Bendroflumethiazide |
| Beneth | Benethamine |
| Benz | Benzoate / Benzoin |
| Benzalk | Benzalkonium |
| Benzat | Benzathine |
| Benzeth | Benzethonium |
| Benzylpen\* | Benzylpenicillin |
| Besil | Besilate |
| Betameth | Betamethasone |
| Bicarb | Bicarbonate |
| Bifidobact | Bifidobacterium |
| Bill\* | Billion |
| Bioflav | Bioflavonoid(s) |
| Bisc | Biscuit(s) |
| Bism | Bismuth |
| Bisulph | Bisulphate |
| Bitart | Bitartrate |
| Blad | Bladder |
| Blk | Black |
| Blkberry | Blackberry |
| Blkcurrant or B/Crrt\* | Blackcurrant |
| Block\* | Blockers |
| Bov | Bovine |
| Brg\* | Bridge |
| Brocc\* | Broccoli |
| Brom | Bromide |
| Bs | Butterscotch |
| Btl | Bottle |
| Buff | Buffered / Buffer |
| Bulgar | Bulgaricus |
| Bupivac | Bupivacaine |
| Buprenorph\* | Buprenorphine |
| But | Butyrate |
| Butetham | Butethamate |
| Butobarb | Butobarbitone |

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| **C** |  |
| C/Backing\* | Comfort Backing |
| C/Bite\* | Cheese Bites |
| C/Bread\* | Crispibread |
| C/Brush\* | Cleaning Brush |
| C/Dev\*  C-Dopa\* | Contraceptive Device  Carbidopa |
| C/exity | Convexity |
| C/F  C/F (Appliance)\* | Colour Free  Cut-to-Fit |
| C/Fit | Cut(-)to(-)fit |
| C/Kt  C/Made\*  C/Natura | Circular Knit  Custom Made  Combihesive Natura |
| C/Peel\* | Custom Peel |
| C/Pk | Combination Pack |
| C/R | Controlled Release |
| C/Relief\*  Cld/Relief\* | Congestion Relief  Cold Relief |
| C/Screw\* | Corkscrew |
| C/Sive | Combihesive |
| C/T\*  C/Toe\* | Closed Toe  Closed Toe |
| Calc | Calcium |
| Camph | Camphorated |
| Camsil | Camsilate |
| Cap | Capsule(s) |
| Capro | Caproate |
| Capl | Caplet(s) |
| Carb | Carbonate |
| Card | Cardamom |
| Carp | Carpoule |
| Cart | Cartridge |
| Casc | Cascara |
| Cass  Catar\* | Cassette  Catarrh |
| Cath | Catheter(s) |
| Cetalk  Cetomac\* | Cetalkonium  Cetomacrogol |
| Cetylpyr | Cetylpyridinium |
| CFF | CFC Free / Chlorofluorocarbon Free |
| Chble | Chewable |
| Chel  Chew/G  Chkn | Chelate / Chelated / Chelating  Chewing Gum  Chicken |
| Child | Children(s) |
| Chir | Chiropody |
| Chlor | Chloride |
| Chloramphen | Chloramphenicol |
| Chlorbut | Chlorbutol |
| Chlordiazepox | Chlordiazepoxide |
| Chlorhex | Chlorhexidine |
| Chlorin | Chlorinated |
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| Chlorof | Chloroform |
| Chloroth | Chlorothiazide |
| Chlorphen\* | Chlorpheniramine / Chlorphenamine |
| Chlortet | Chlortetracycline |
| Choc | Chocolate |
| Chond\* | Chondroitin |
| Chorion | Chorionic |
| Chrom | Chromium |
| Cilast  Cin\* | Cilastatin  Cinnamon |
| Circ\* | Circular |
| Cit | Citrate |
| CL1\* | Class 1 |
| CL2\* | Class2 |
| Clavul | Clavulanic |
| Clean  CLO\* | Cleaning  Cod Liver Oil |
| Clobet  Clomethi  Clsd\*  Clsr\* | Clobetasone  Clomethiazole  Closed  Closure |
| Clpsble | Collapsible |
| Clr | Clear |
| Cntrl | Central |
| Co  Coal Tar Sn\*  Collect\* | Compound  Coal Tar Soln  Collection |
| Collod | Collodion |
| Colo | Colostomy |
| Colr | Colour |
| Colecal | Cholecal |
| Comb | Combination |
| Comp | Complex |
| Compreh/Care | Comprehensive Care |
| Compress/Comp\* (Appliance) | Compression |
| Conc | Concentrate / Concentrated |
| Cond | Conditioner |
| Conform | Conformable / Conforming |
| Congest\* | Congestion |
| Conj | Conjugated |
| Connctr | Connector |
| Cont | Continuation |
| Contr | Contour / Contoured / Contouring |
| Contracep  Conv\* | Contraceptive  Convex |
| Coriand | Coriander |
| Cortico | Corticotrophin |
| Cott  Cran\* | Cotton  Cranberry |
| Crble | Crushable |
| Crm | Cream(s) |
| Cryst | Crystalline / Crystals |
| Ctd  Ctrl\*  Cuff\* | Coated  Control  Cuffed |
| Cust | Custard |
| Cyclobarb | Cyclobarbitone |
| Cyclopenth | Cyclopenthiazide |
| Cylin\* | Cylinder |
| Cylind | Cylindrical |
| Cyprote | Cyproterone |

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| **D** |  |
| D | Dose |
| D/Act\* | Dual Action |
| D/B | Double(-)Based |
| D/Chamber | Dual Chamber |
| D/Convexity\* | Deep Convexity |
| D/Delivery\* | Drug Delivery |
| D/Dose\* | Direct Dose |
| D/Fltr\* | Dual Filter |
| D/Grey\* | Dark Grey |
| D/P | Dry Powder |
| D/Pk | Dual Pack |
| D/S | Double Sided |
| D/Sive\* | Durahesive |
| D/Spec | DS Dietary Specials |
| D/Strgh | Double Strength |
| D/System | Delivery System |
| Dble | Double |
| Decan | Decanoate |
| Decongest\* | Decongestant |
| Deficien | Deficiency |
| Deglyc | Deglycyrrhizinised |
| Deod | Deodorant |
| Deoxycort | Deoxycortone |
| Desens | Desensitisation |
| Desferriox | Desferrioxamine |
| Desmopres | Desmopressin |
| Desoxychol | Desoxycholate |
| Dev | Device |
| Dexamet | Dexametasone |
| Dexamfet | Dexamfetamine |
| Dexpanth | Dexpanthenol |
| Dextrometh | Dextromethorphan |
| Dextroprop | Dextropropoxyphene |
| Diacet | Diacetate |
| Diam | Diameter |
| Diamorph | Diamorphine |
| Diaph | Diaphragm |
| Dibromprop | Dibrompropamidine |
| Diethylcarb | Diethylcarbamazine |
| Diges | Digestive |
| Digit | Digitalis |
| Digluc | Digluconate |
| Dihydroch | Dihydrochloride |
| Dihydrocod | Dihydrocodeine\* |
| Di-Iodohydroxyquin | Di-Iodohydroxyquinoline |
| Dil | Diluent / Dilution |
| Dinit | Dinitrate |
| Diox | Dioxide |
| Dip | Diphtheria |
| Dipot | Dipotassium |
| Diprop | Dipropionate |
| Disod | Disodium |
| Disp | Disposable |
| Disper  Dith\* | Dispersible  Dithranol |
| Dlysis | Dialysis |
| Dps | Drops |
| Drain | Drainage |
| Dress | Dressing(s) |
| Drnbl | Drainable |
| Duo/P | Duo(-)Pack |
| Dust Pdr | Dusting Powder |

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| **E** | |  |
| E/C | | Enteric-Coated |
| E/Fld | | EasiFold |
| E/Wrap\* | | Easy Wrap |
| E/Peel\* | | Easy Peel |
| Eff | | Effervescent |
| Elas | | Elastic |
| Elas/Bnd | | Elastic Band |
| Elasctd | | Elasticated |
| Eld\* | | Elderberry |
| Elix | | Elixir |
| Elsmr\* | | Elastomer |
| Emergen\* | | Emergencies |
| Embon | | Embonate |
| Emet | | Emetine |
| Emuls | | Emulsion |
| Emulsif  EmWax\* | | Emulsifying / Emulsified  Emulsifying Wax |
| Enant | | Enantate |
| Encap | | Encapsulations |
| Enem  Entacap\* | | Enema(s)  Entacapone |
| Enzym | | Enzymes |
| Ephed | | Ephedrine |
| Erbum\* | | Erbumine |
| Essent | | Essential |
| Est | | Esterified |
| Ethidiol | | Ethynodiol |
| Ethinylestr | | Ethinylestradiol |
| Ethylsuc | | Ethylsuccinate |
| Etidron\* | | Etidronate |
| EPO\* | | Evening Primrose Oil |
| EW Herbs | | East West Herbs |
| Ex | | Extra |
| Exlge | | Extra Large |
| Exsml\* | | Extra Small |
| Expect | | Expectorant |
| Ext | | Extract |
| Extl\* | | External |
| Eye Dps | | Eye Drops |
| Eye Oint | Eye Ointment |

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| **F** |  |
| F/C  F/Act\*  F/Feet | Film-Coated  Fast Acting  Foldaway Feet |
| F/Fruits\* | Forest Fruits |
| F/Mint\*  F-P | Freshmint  Foam Padded |
| F/R | Fast Release |
| F/S  F/Wtr\*  Fact\*  Fen\* | Food State  Fruit Water  Factor  Fenestrated |
| Ferr  Fibrinog\* | Ferrous  Fibrinogen |
| Fibrin\* | Fibrinolysis |
| Flav | Flavours / Flavoured / Flavour |
| Flbd | Flat Bed |
| Fle | Female |
| Flng  Float\* | Flange  Floating |
| Flr | Flower(s) |
| Fltr | Filter |
| Fluclox | Flucloxacillin |
| Fludrocort | Fludrocortisone |
| Fluoresc | Fluorescein |
| Fluorome | Fluorometholone |
| Flx | Flexible |
| Follitrop\* | Follitropin Alfa |
| For | Formula |
| Form | Formulation(s) |
| Foy | Foley |
| Fract  Frag/Free\* | Fraction  Fragrance Free |
| Fresh | Freshener |
| Froz | Frozen |
| Ft | Fortifier / Fortified |
| Fte | Forte |
| Fumar | Fumarate |
| Fur | Furoate |

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| **G** |  |
| G/Cap\* | Gel Cap |
| G/F | Gluten Free |
| G/Natur | Good N Natural |
| G/R\*  G-Seal\* | Gastro-Resistant  Goldenseal |
| G/Top\* | Grip Top |
| Garg | Gargle |
| Gaunt\* | Gauntlet |
| Gent | Gentian |
| Gluc\* | Glucose |
| Glucon | Gluconate |
| Glucosam\*  Glyc\* | Glucosamine  Glycerine |
| Glycerophos | Glycerophosphate |
| G/man  Gmt\* | German  Garment |
| Gonadotroph | Gonadotrophin |
| Gppe | Generically Prescribed Proprietary Equivalent |
| Gramic | Gramicidin |
| Gran | Granules |
| Guaiphen\* | Guaiphenesin |
| Guaneth | Guanethidine |
| Gz | Gauze |

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| **H** |  |
| H/Away | Hide Away |
| H/Apoth | Herbal Apothecary |
| H/Barrett | Holland & Barrett |
| H/Base\* | Honey Based |
| H/Blk\* | Hot Blackcurrant |
| H/Burg\* | Hamburger |
| H/Coll | Hydrocolloid |
| H/Ctd | Half Coated |
| H/Dog\* | Hotdog |
| H/Fbre | Hi(-)Fibre / High Fibre |
| H/Fever\* / H/Fvr\*  H/Fvr Rel\* | Hayfever  Hayfever Relief |
| H/Fier | Humidifier |
| H/Fltr\* | Humidifilter |
| H/Flw\* | High Flow |
| H/Gel | Hydrogel |
| H/Nature | Higher Nature |
| H/Oran\* | Hot Orange |
| H/Percep | Health Perception |
| H/Piece\* | Hand Piece |
| H/Strgh | Half Strength / ½ Strength |
| H/thorn | Hawthorn(e) |
| Haemo | Haemostatic |
| Haemoph | Haemophilus |
| HCl | Hydrochloride |
| Head  Head/Rel\* | Headache  Head Relief |
| Heptahyd | Heptahydrate |
| Hexacet | Hexacetonide |
| Hexametaphos | Hexametaphosphate |
| Hexan | Hexanoate |
| High-Pot | High Potency |
| Hnap | Hydroxynaphthoate |
| Homatr | Homatropine |
| Hon + Lem\*  Horiz\* | Honey + Lemon  Horizontal |
| Hose | Hosiery |
| Hosp  Hot Lem | Hospital  Hot Lemon |
| Hr\* | Hour |
| Hum  HumPapvirus\* | Human  Human Papillomavirus |
| Hyd | Hydrous |
| Hydchloroth | Hydrochlorothiazide |
| Hydrarg | Hydrargaphen |
| Hydro | Hydrophilic |
| Hydrob | Hydrobromide |
| Hydrocort | Hydrocortisone |
| Hydroflumeth | Hydroflumethiazide |
| Hydrosulph | Hydrosulphate |
| Hydrox | Hydroxide |
| Hydroxycarb | Hydroxycarbamide |
| Hydroxychlor | Hydroxychloroquine |
| Hydroxyprogest | Hydroxyprogesterone |
| Hydroxyquin | Hydroxyquinoline |
| Hyoscy | Hyoscyamus |
| Hypochlor | Hypochloride |
| Hypod | Hypodermic |
| Hyposensit\* | Hyposensitisation |
| Hyposulph | Hyposulphate |

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| **I** |  |
| I/A | Intra-Articular |
| I/D | Intra-Dermal |
| I/Les | Intra-Lesional |
| I/M | Intra-Muscular |
| I/Nsl | Intranasal |
| I/Tt/S | Initial Treatment Set |
| I/V  Ichtham\* | Intravenous  Ichthammol |
| Ind/Pleural | Indwelling Plural |
| Idox | Idoxuridine |
| Ids | Integrated Disconnect System |
| Ilnd | Island |
| Ileo | Ileostomy |
| Imglob | Immunoglobulin |
| Imitat\* | Imitation |
| Imprd | Impregnated |
| Ims | Industrial Methylated Spirit |
| In | Inch |
| Inact | Inactivated |
| Incont | Incontinence / Incontinent |
| Indapam\* | Indapamide |
| Indigest | Indigestion |
| Ind/Pleural | Indewelling Pleural |
| Inf | Infusion |
| Ingred | Ingredient |
| Inh | Inhalant / Inhalation |
| Inha | Inhaler |
| Init\* | Initation |
| Inj | Injectable / Injection(s) / Injector(s) |
| INR (Chem Sub Level only) | International Normalised Ratio |
| Ins | Insulin |
| Insp | Inspire |
| Int\* | Internal |
| Insuf | Insufflations / Insufflators |
| Insulat | Insulatard |
| Integ | Integral |
| Interf | Interferon |
| Inter\* | Intermediate |
| Intermit | Intermittent |
| Intol | Intolerance / Intolerant |
| Intrath | Intrathecal |
| Invis\* | InvisiClose\* |
| Ipecac | Ipecacuanha |
| Ipratrop | Ipratropium |
| Irrig | Irrigation |
| Iseth | Isethionate |
| Isop | Isophane |
| Isot | Isotonic |
| Ispag | Ispaghula |
| Iucd | Intrauterine Contraceptive Device |

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| **J** |  |
| J/Care\* | Jointcare |
| Just W/Foods | Just Wholefoods |
| Jnr | Junior |

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| **K** |  |
| K/S | Karaya Seal |
| Ketoglut | Ketoglutaric |
| Knee/Len\* | Knee Length |
| Kneecp | Kneecap |
| Kt | Knit |
| Ktd | Knitted |

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| **L** |  |
| (L)\* | Left |
| L | Litre |
| L+R\* | Lock n Roll / Lock & Roll |
| L/A  L/C\*  L/Conv\*  L-Dopa\* | Long-Acting  Low compression  Light Convex  Levodopa |
| L/Extrem\* | Lower Extremities |
| L/Last | Long Lasting |
| L/M\* | Lemon/Menthol |
| L/P  L/Par\*  L/Press\* | Low Protein  Liquid Paraffin  Low Pressure |
| L/Prof | Low Profile |
| L/S\* | Long Sleeve |
| L/Salted\* | Lightly Salted |
| L/Tap  L-Tart  L-Wt | Lever Tap  L-Tartrate  Lightweight |
| Lact | Lactate |
| Lacta | Lactase |
| Lacto | Lactose |
| Lactobi | Lactobionate |
| Lamb | Lamberts |
| Latt | Lattice |
| Lax | Laxative |
| Lem | Lemon |
| Lent | Lentard |
| Levobupiv | Levobupivicaine |
| Levonorgest | Levonorgestrel |
| Levomen\* | Levomenthol |
| Levomeprom | Levomepromazine |
| Levothyrox | Levothyroxine |
| Lge | Large |
| Lido | Lidocaine |
| Lim | Lime |
| Lin | Liniment |
| Linct | Linctus |
| Liq | Liquid(s) |
| Lot | Lotion(s) |
| Loz | Lozenge(s) |
| Ltx | Latex |
| Lubri | Lubricating |
| Lutrop\* | Lutropin |
| Lux\* | Luxury |
| LVSD | Large Volume Spacer Device |
| Lymph/Lym\* | Lymphoedema |
| Lynoest  Lyoph\* | Lynoestrenol  Lyophilisates |

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| **M** |  |
| M.D. Form | M.D. Formulations |
| M/Aper | Multi-Apertured |
| M/Bark\* | Maritime Bark |
| M/Cell  M/chamb | Microcell  Multichamber |
| M/D | Multiple Dose |
| M/Fit\* | Mould-to-Fit |
| M/Grn | Multigrain |
| M/Fibre | Multifibre / Muli-Fibre |
| M/Layer | Multi(-)Layer |
| M/M\*  M/Macaroon  M/Odour\* | Made to Measure  Mini Macaroon  Multi Odour |
| M/Pse | Multi Purpose |
| M/R | Modified Release |
| M/Strch\* | Multistretch |
| M/Tt/S  M/Vit\* | Maintenance Treatment Set  Multivitamins |
| Mag | Magnesium |
| Maint | Maintenance |
| Mal | Maleate |
| Malt | Malted |
| Mang | Manganese |
| Mari | Marine |
| Max | Maximum |
| Maxim | Maximised |
| Med | Medium |
| Med Dev | Medical Device |
| Medic\* | Medicated / Medical |
| Medox\* | Medoxomil |
| Medroxyprogest | Medroxyprogesterone |
| Meningoc | Meningococcal |
| Merc | Mercury |
| Mering | Meringue |
| Mesil | Mesilate |
| Methonit | Methonitrate |
| Methoserp | Methoserpidine |
| Methotrimep | Methotrimeprazine |
| Methylamfet | Methylamphet HCl |
| Methyl Hydroxybenz | Methyl Hydroxybenzoate |
| Methylnaltrex\* | Methylnaltrexone |
| Methylphenobarb | Methylphenobarbitone |
| Methylpred | Methylprednisolone |
| Methylsulph | Methylsulphate |
| Methyltest | Methyltestosterone |
| Methylthion | Methylthioninium |
| Metilsulf | Metilsulfate |
| Metrd | Metered |
| Metsulphbenz | Metasulphobenzoate |
| mg | Milligramme |
| Micro | Microporous |
| Mig | Migraine |
| Min\* | Mineral |
| Minjet | Min-I-Jet |
| Mix | Mixture |
| Mixt | Mixtard |
| ml | Millilitre |
| Mob | Mobility |
| Moist | Moist / Moisturiser / Moisturising / Moisture / Moistening |
| Mon\* | Months |
| Monof | Monofilament |
| Monohyd | Monohydrate |
| Mononit | Mononitrate |
| Monosulph | Monosulphate |
| Monot | Monotard |
| Morph | Morphine |
| Mozz | Mozzarella |
| Mth | Mouth |
| Mthpce | Mouthpiece |
| Mthwsh  Mucoadh\* | Mouthwash  Mucoadhesive |
| Multi | Multiple |
| Multimin | Multimineral(s) |
| Multivit | Multivitamin |
| Musc | Muscular |
| Myrist | Myristate |

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| **N** |  |
| N/Centre | Nutri Centre |
| N/Drsy\* | Non-Drowsy |
| N/Health | Nutritional Healthcare |
| N/Own | Nature's Own |
| N/Sce | Natural Source |
| N/Sting\* | Non Sting |
| Nsl Spy or N/Spy | Nasal Spray |
| N/Sunshine  N-wing | Natures Sunshine  Non-winged |
| Naphaz | Naphazoline |
| Napsyl | Napsylate |
| Natur | Natural (s) |
| Natur Healing | Natural Healing Services |
| Neb | Nebulizer / Nebuliser |
| Neonat\* | Neonatal |
| Neostig  Nephrost\* | Neostigmine  Nephrostomy |
| Neut\* | Neutral |
| ng | Nanogram |
| Nit | Nitrate |
| Non-Adh | Non-Adhesive |
| Non-Adher\* | Non-Adherent |
| Non-Drnbl | Non-Drainable |
| Non-Ster | Non-Sterile |
| Non-Wov | Non(-)Woven |
| Nor | Normal |
| Noradren | Noradrenaline |
| Norelgest | Norelgestromin |
| Norethist | Norethisterone |
| Npr | Nutrition Prolonged Release |
| Nrv | Non-Return Valve |
| Nsl | Nasal |
| Nutrit | Nutrition / Nutritional / Nutritious |

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| **O** |  |
| O/B\* | Outback |
| O/Bal\* | Oral Balance |
| O/End\* | Open End |
| O/Lap | Overlap |
| O/S | Outsize |
| O/T\*  O/Toe\* | Open Toe  Open Toe |
| OT/Vl | Onco-Tain Vial |
| O/Vl | Onco-Vial |
| O/Wov | Open Wove |
| OAD | One-A-Day |
| Ocean\* | Oceanic |
| Od’ls | Odourless |
| Oestro | Oestrogens |
| Oint | Ointment(s) |
| Ol\* | Olive |
| Ophth | Ophthalmic |
| Opqe | Opaque |
| Opt | Optima |
| Orch | Orchic |
| Orcipren | Orciprenaline |
| Oreg\* | Oregano |
| Org | Orgaject |
| Organ | Organic |
| Orig  Orng\* | Original  Orange |
| Orodisper | Orodispersible |
| Oromuc | Oromucosal |
| Orthophos | Orthophosphate |
| Outl | Outlet |
| Ox | Oxide |
| Oxal | Oxalate |
| Oxyphenbut | Oxyphenbutazone |

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| **P** |  |
| P/apple | Pineapple |
| P.P. | Pubic Pressure |
| P/Bke | Part(-)Bake(d) / Par(-)Bake(d) |
| P/Cut | Pre(-)Cut / Ready(-)Cut |
| P/Encaps | Pure Encapsulations |
| P/F  P/Mint\* | Preservative Free / Without Preservative  Peppermint |
| P/R | Prolonged Release |
| P/Rel\* | Pain Relief |
| P/Seed\* | Pumpkin Seed |
| P/Spy | Pump Spray |
| Pop/Seed\* | Poppy Seed |
| Paed | Paediatric |
| Palm  Pamid\* | Palmitate  Pamidronate |
| Pancrea  Pant Brief\* | Pancreatic  Pantie Brief |
| Pantoth | Pantothenate |
| Papaver | Papaverine |
| Paracet | Paracetamol |
| Paraf | Paraffin |
| Parahydroxybenz | Parahydroxybenzoate |
| Parent | Parenteral |
| Pastil | Pastille(s) |
| Patch | Patch(es) |
| Pch\*  Pcs\* | Pouch  Pieces |
| Pdr | Powder |
| Pdrs | Powders |
| Peginterf | Peginterferon |
| Pentahyd | Pentahydrate |
| Pentobarb | Pentobarbitone |
| Pept | Peptide |
| Per | Peroxide |
| Percarb | Percarbonate |
| Percut | Percutaneous |
| Peri | Peripheral |
| Perm | Permeable |
| Pert | Pertussis |
| Pess | Pessaries |
| Pet\* | Petite |
| Pf Applic | Pre-Filled Applicator |
| Pf Cart | Pre-Filled Cartridge(s) |
| PF Dev\* | Pre-Filled Device |
| Pf Pen | Pre-Filled Pen |
| Pfa | Perforated Film Absorbent |
| Pfill | Pre-Filled |
| Pfos | Pre-Filled Oral Syringe |
| Pfs | Pre-Filled Syringe(s) / Single Dose Syringe / Unit Dose Syringe |
| Phcy | Pharmacy |
| Phenobarb | Phenobarbitone |
| Phenoxybenz | Phenoxybenzamine |
| Phentolam  Phenylbut | Phentolamine  Phenylbutyrate |
| Phenyleph | Phenylephrine |
| Phenylprop | Phenylpropionate |
| Phos | Phosphate |
| Phthalysulphathi | Phthalysulphathiazole |
| Physostig | Physostigmine |
| Phytobio | Phytobiophysics |
| Picol | Picolinate |
| Picosulf | Picosulfate |
| Piloc | Pilocarpine |
| Pils | Pilules |
| Piperaz\* | Piperazine |
| Pivampic | Pivampicillin |
| Pkt\* | Pocket |
| Plat\* | Plateau |
| Plas | Plastic |
| Plastr | Plaster |
| Pn | Pen |
| Poch-Flg | Pouches with Flange |
| Podoph | Podophyllum / Podophyllin |
| Polyalc | Polyvinylalcohol |
| Polyam | Polyamide |
| Polyeth | Polyethylene |
| Polymetaphos | Polymetaphosphate |
| Polynicot | Polynicotinate |
| Polyest | Polyestradiol |
| Polyprop | Polypropylene |
| Polystyr | Polystyrene |
| Polysulph | Polysulphate |
| Polyth | Polythene |
| Polyureth | Polyurethane |
| Pop/Seed\* | Poppy Seed |
| Pore | Porcine |
| Pot | Potassium |
| Poty | Potency / Potencies |
| PPD | Purified Protein Derivative |
| Precip | Precipitated |
| Precur | Precursors |
| Prednis Hex\* | Prednisolone Hexonate |
| Pref | Preference |
| Prep | Prepared |
| Prepn | Preparation(s) |
| Preser  Pre-Thick\* | Preservative  Pre-Thickened |
| Prev | Previously |
| Priloc\* | Prilocaine |
| Prnt | Print/Printed |
| Prochlpzine | Prochlorperazine |
| Prop | Proprionate |
| Proper Nutrit | Proper Nutrition |
| Propylhydroxybenz | Propylhydroxybenzoate |
| Prot | Protamine |
| Prote | Protection / Protective(s) / Proctector /  Protectant |
| Pseudoephed | Pseudoephedrine |
| Pst\*  Ptse\* | Paste  Protease |
| Pud\* | Pudding |
| Pur | Purified |
| Pyridostig | Pyridostigmine |
| Pyridox | Pyridoxine |

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| **Q** |  |
| Q/Lorraine | Quiche Lorraine |
| Quinalbarb | Quinalbarbitone |

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| **R** |  |
| (R)\* | Right |
| R/Cakes\* | Rice Cakes |
| R/Cap  R/Fruits\*  R/Haler  R/Currant\*  R + C\*  R/Hip\* | Rotacap  Red Fruits  Rotahaler  Redcurrant  Rice + Corn  Rosehip |
| R+Lem | Rice + Lemon |
| Rapit | Rapitard |
| Rasp | Raspberry |
| Rauwol | Rauwolfia |
| Reag\* | Reagent |
| Rect | Rectangular |
| Ref | Refill(s) |
| Reg\* | Regular |
| Rehyd | Rehydration |
| Reinf | Reinforcing |
| Rem  Remov | Remedy/Remedies  Remover |
| Rep | Replacement |
| Repel | Repellent |
| Repr | Repair(s) |
| Resist | Resistant |
| Resp | Respirator |
| Ret | Retard |
| Retin\* | Retinol |
| Retain  Reuse\* | Retainer  Reusable |
| RTD | Ready(-)To(-)Drink |
| Rubb | Rubber |

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| **S** |  |
| (S) | Solid |
| S/A  S/Acid\* | Self-Aspirating  Salicylic Acid |
| S/B  S/Barr\* | Sun Bloc / Sun Block / Sunblock  Skin Barrier |
| S/Backing | Soft Backing |
| S/Beige\* | Split Beige |
| S/C  S/Cloth\*  S/Convex\* | Sugar-Coated  Soft Cloth  Soft Convex |
| S/Convexity\* | Shallow Convexity |
| S/Cover | Soft Cover |
| S/D\* | Sourdough |
| S/F  S/Flow  S/Fruits | Sugar Free  Starflower  Summer Fruits |
| S/Gel\* | Soft Gel |
| S/H | Starter Hole |
| S/Order\* | Special Order |
| S/Pack | Starter Pack |
| S/Poly | Soft Polymer |
| S/R | Slow/Sustained Release |
| S/Relief\* | Sinus Relief |
| S/S\* | Short Sleeve |
| S/Seal\* | Soft Seal |
| S/Seed\* | Sunflower Seed |
| S/Sec\* | Soft & Secure |
| S/Sd\*  S/Strap\* | Slightly Salted  Shoulder Strap |
| S/Throat\*  S/Touch\*  S/Use | Sore Throat  Soft Touch  Single Use |
| Supp/Wear\* | Support Wear |
| Sach | Sachet(s) |
| Sal | Salicylate |
| Salic | Salicylic |
| Sbery | Strawberry |
| Sched\* | Schedule |
| SCS | Scientific Consulting Service |
| Scwcap | Screw Cap |
| SD\* | Single Dose |
| Sd Vl | Single Dose Vial |
| Secobarb | Secobarbital |
| Semisod | Semisodium |
| Semit | Semitard |
| Sens | Sensitive |
| Ser | Serine |
| Sesquicarb  Sgr\* | Sesquicarbonate  Sugar |
| SH\* | Starter Hole |
| Shw | Shower |
| Slc | Silicone |
| Sle | Single |
| Sle/S | Single-Sided |
| Slot | Slotted |
| Sls | Seamless |
| Smeth | Sulphomethate |
| Sml | Small |
| Snap | Snapule |
| Sod | Sodium |
| Solb | Soluble |
| Soln | Solution |
| Solv | Solvent |
| Spac | Spacer |
| Span | Spansule(s) |
| Spec | Special / Specialities |
| Spironol | Spironolactone |
| Sprink | Sprinkler |
| Spt | Spirit |
| Spy | Spray |
| Sq\* | Square |
| SS | Safe System |
| Stch | Stretch |
| Ster | Sterile |
| Steripk | Steripack |
| Sth | Stout Thread |
| Stkn | Stocking |
| Stkntte | Stockinette |
| Stnd | Standard |
| Stng | Stinging |
| Strgh | Strength |
| Strht | Straight |
| Strych | Strychnine |
| Subacet | Subacetate |
| Subcon | Subconjunctival |
| Subling or Sub\* | Sublingual |
| Subnit | Subnitrate |
| Subs | Substances |
| Subsalic | Subsalicylate |
| Succ | Succinate |
| Succinylsulpathi  Sulf | Succinylsulpathiazole  Sulfate |
| Sulfacet | Sulfacetamide |
| Sulphaben | Sulphabenzamide |
| Sulfamethox | Sulfamethoxazole |
| Sulfamethoxypyrida | Sulfamethoxypyridazine |
| Sulfathi | Sulfathiazole |
| Sulphosucc | Sulphosuccinate |
| Sulphox | Sulphoxide |
| Supernutrit\* | Supernutrition |
| Supp | Supplement |
| Supp/Belt\* | Support Belt |
| Suppos | Suppositories |
| Supsq | Supersquare |
| Surg | Surgical |
| Susac | Sustained Action |
| Susp | Suspension / Suspensory |
| Suspen | Suspenders |
| Sust  Swtnr\* | Sustained  Sweetener |
| Syn | Synthetic |
| Syner | Synergy / Synergistic |
| Syr | Syrup |
| Syrg | Syringe |

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| **T** |  |
| T-\* | Type |
| T/Act | Triple Action |
| TAD  T/Band\*  T/Cough\* | Two A Day  Top Band  Tickly Cough |
| T/Cth | Transcath |
| T/Derm\*  Ti/P\*  T/Lucent\* | Transdermal  Tritation Pack  Translucent |
| T/Over | Turnover |
| T/R | Time Release |
| T&R  Tr/P\* | Thornton & Ross  Travel Pack |
| Tab | Tablet(s) |
| Tagliat | Tagliatelle |
| Tamp | Tampon |
| Tart | Tartrate |
| Tet | Tetanus |
| Tetracai | Tetracaine |
| Tetraco | Tetracosactrin |
| Tetraso | Tetrasodium |
| Theophyl | Theophyllinate |
| Thiosulph/Thiosulf | Thiosulphate / Thiosulfate |
| Tinct | Tincture(s) |
| Tiss | Tissue |
| TNPS\* | Tropical Negative Pressure System |
| Tocoph | Tocopheryl |
| Top | Topical |
| Tracheo | Tracheostomy |
| Trag | Tragacanth |
| Transpt/Trans | Transparent |
| Triacet | Triacetate |
| Triamcinol | Triamcinolone |
| Trihyd | Trihydrate |
| Trinit | Trinitrate |
| Tripot | Tripotassium |
| Trisil | Trisilicate |
| Trisod | Trisodium |
| Trit | Triturated |
| Tt | Treatment |
| Tt/P | Treatment Pack |
| Tt/S | Treatment Set |
| Trohexyphen | Trohexyphenidyl |
| Trop\* | Tropical |
| Tublr | Tubular |
| Tubocurar | Tubocurarine |

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| **U** |  |
| U  U/Extrem\*  U/Limb | Unit(s) / International Units  Upper Extremities  Upper Limb |
| U/Nutrit  U/Sex\* | Ultimate Nutrition  Unisex |
| Ud | Single Dose Unit / Unit Dose |
| Ud Vl | Unit Dose Vial |
| Ultrat  Uncuff\* | Ultratard  Uncuffed |
| Undecen | Undecenoate |
| Unflav  Unguen\* | Unflavoured  Unguentum M |
| Unmedic | Unmedicated |
| Unsd\* | Unsalted |
| Urin | Urinal |
| Urost | Urostomy |
| Urot | Urotainer |
| Ustraps | Understraps |

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| **V** |  |
| V/Cap | Veg Cap / Vegicap |
| V/Spac | Vortex Spacer |
| V/Stkntte\* | Viscose Stockinette |
| V/Tab | Vegetab |
| V/Tublr\*  VW/brand\* | Viscose Tubular  von Willebrand |
| Vac | Vaccine |
| Vag | Vaginal |
| Val | Valerate |
| Valpr  Van\* | Valproate  Vanilla |
| Veg | Vegetable |
| Veget | Vegetarian |
| Vert | Vertical |
| Vinblast | Vinblastine |
| Visc | Viscosity |
| Vit | Vitamin(s) |
| Vit/Ser | Vitamin Service |
| Vl | Vial |
| Vom | Vomica |
| VP | Vapour-Permeable |

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| **W** |  |
| w/a | Waist Attachment |
| W/B\*  W/Band | Wild Berry  Wideband |
| W/F | Wheat Free |
| W/Fruit\* | Wholefruit |
| W/R | Water Resistant / Waterproof |
| Wbing | Webbing |
| WFI | Water For Injection |
| Wfl | With Footloop |
| Wind\*  Wk\*  Wkly\* | Window  Week  Weekly |
| Wmen | Womens |
| Wmp | Microporous Plastic / Waterproof Plastic |
| Wov | Woven |
| Wsh | Wash |
| Wsht | Washout |
| Wstbnd | Waistband |
| Wt | Without |
| Wte | White |
| Wtfl  Wtr\*  WSP | Without Footloop  Water  White Soft Paraffin |

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| **X** |  |
| Xylomet | Xylometazoline |

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| **Y** |  |
| Yell\* | Yellow |
| Yog | Yoghurt |
| Yoghurt/Ctd\* | Yoghurt Coated |
| Yr(s)  YSP\* | Years  Yellow Soft Paraffin |

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| **Z** |  |
| Zn | Zinc |
| Zost\* | Zoster |
| Zuclopenth | Zuclopenthixol |