

Latin Terms

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a.	ante	before	d.	dexter	right
a., aur.	auris	ear	d.	dies	a day
aa.	ana	of each	d.	dosis	a dose
a.c.	ante cibos	before meals	da.	da	give
ad	ad	to, up to	dent., d.	dentur	let be given, give
add.	adde, addantur, addendus, addendo	add, let them be added, to be added, by adding	det.	detur	let it be given
ad lib.	ad libitum	at pleasure	dieb. alt.	diebus alternis	on alternate days
adm.	admove	apply	dieb. secund.	diebus secundis	every second day
ad man. med.	ad manus medici	(to be delivered) into the hands of the (pre- scribing) physician	dil.	dilue	dilute
			disp.	dispensa, dispensetur	dispense
ad satur.	ad saturandum	to saturation	div.	divide	divide
agit.	agita	shake	div. in par.	dividatur in	divide in equal parts
alb.	albus	white	aeq.	partes aequales	
alt. hor.	alternis horis	every other hour	d.t.d.	dentur tales doses	give such doses
A.M.	ante meridiem	before noon	dulc.	dulcis	sweet
ampl.	amplus	large	dur.	durus	hard
ampul.	ampulla	ampul, ampule	e.m.p.	ex modo prescripto	after the manner prescribed
applicand.	applicandus	to be applied	et	et	and
aq.	aqua	water	ex	ex	out of
aq. bull.	aqua bulliens	boiling water	ext.	extractum	an extract
aq. dest.	aqua destillata	distilled water	f., ft.	fac, fiat, fiant	make, let be made
aq. ferv.	aqua fervens	hot water	ferv.	fervens	hot
aq. frig.	aqua frigida	cold water	filt.	filtra	filter (imperative form)
b.	bis	twice	fl.	fluidus	fluid
ben.	bene	well	flav.	flavus	yellow
bib.	bibe	drink	fldext.	fluidextractum	fluidextract
b.i.d.	bis in die	twice a day	fort.	fortis	strong
bol.	bolus	a large pill	frig.	frigidus	cold
brevis	brevis	short	garg.	gargarisma	a gargle
bull.	bulliens, bulliat, bulliant	boiling, let boil	Gm.	gamma	gram
c̄	cum	with	gr.	granum	grain
C	centum	a hundred	gran.	granulatus	granulated
cap.	capiat	let the patient take	ggt.	gutta	a drop
caps.	capsula	a capsule	h.s.	hora somni	at the hour of sleep, at bedtime
cerat.	ceratum	wax ointment	hydrarg.	hydrargyrum.	mercury
chart.	charta	paper, a powder in paper	i.c.	inter cibos	between meals
chart. cerat.	charta cerata	waxed paper, parch- ment paper	juxt.	juxta	near
chirurg.	chirurgialis	surgical	Kal.	Kalium	potassium
chord	chorda	surgical "catgut"	l.a.	lege artis	according to the art
chirurg.	chirurgialis		laev.	laevus	left
cito disp!	cito dispensetur!	let it be dispensed quickly	lb.	libra	pound
coch. amp.	cochleare amplum	a tablespoonful	lev.	levis	light
coch. mag.	cochleare magnum	a tablespoonful	liq.	liquor	a liquor, a solution
coch. med.	cochleare medium	a dessertspoonful	lot.	lotio	lotion
coch. mod.	cochleare modicum	a dessertspoonful	m.	mane	in the morning
coch. parv.	cochleare parvum	a teaspoonful	M.	misce	mix
col.	cola	strain (imperative form)	m.	mitte	send
colet.	coletur	let it be strained	mag.	magnus	large
collun.	collunarium	a nose wash	m. dict.	more dicto	as directed
collut.	collutorium	a mouth wash	min.	minimum	minim
collyr.	collyrium	an eye wash	mist.	mistura	mixture
comp.	compositus	compound, compounded	mixt.	mixture	mixture
cong.	congius	a gallon	m.p.	modo praescripto	in the manner prescribed
consperg.	consperge, conspersetur	dust, sprinkle	m.t.d.	mitte tales doses	send such doses
cont.	contra	against	n.	naris	nostril
contus.	contusus	bruised	Natr.	Natrium	sodium
coq.	coque, coquatur	boil, let it boil	nebul.	nebula	a spray
			n. et m.	nocte maneque	night and morning
			nig.	niger	black
			no.	numero	number
			noct.	nocte	at night
			non rep.	non repetatur	do not repeat
			O.	Octarius	a pint
			o.d.	oculus dexter	right eye
			o.l.	oculus laevus	left eye
			omn. hor.	omni hora	at every hour
			omn. man.	omni mane	on every morning

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opt.	optimus	best	s.a.	secundum artem	according to art
o.s.	oculus sinister	left eye	sat.	saturatus	saturated
o.u.	oculi uterque	both eyes	scat.	scatula	box
p. ae.	partes aequales	equal parts	scat. orig.	scatula originalis	original package, manufacturer's package (and label)
parv.	parvus	small	sic.	siccus	dried
p.c.	post cibos	after meals	s.n.	secundum naturam	according to nature
phial.	phiala	bottle	sol.	solubilis	soluble
Plumb.	Plumbum	lead	sol.	solutio	solution
P.M.	post meridiem	after noon	sol.	solve	dissolve
p.o.	per os	by mouth	solv.	si opus sit	if there is need
pond.	ponderosus	heavy	s.o.s.	spiritus	spirit
ppt.	praecipitatus	precipitated	spir.	spissus	dried
p.r.n.	pro re nata	as occasion arises, as needed	ss.	semis	one half
pro rect.	pro recto	rectal	stat.	statim	immediately
pt.	perstetur	let it be continued	suc.	succus	juice
pulv.	pulvis, pulveres	powder, powders	sum.	sume, sumendus	take, to be taken
q., qq.	quodque, quaeque	each, every	S.V.R.	spiritus vini rectificatus	alcohol
q.i.d.	quater in die	four times a day	syr.	syrupus	syrup
qq. hor.	quaque hora	every hour	tab.	tabella	tablet
Q.R.	quantum rectum	the quantity is correct	tal.	talis, tales, talia	such
q.s.	quantum suffi- ciat, quantum satis	a sufficient quantity	ter.	tere	rub
quot. op. sit	quoties opus sit	as often as necessary	t.i.d.	ter in die	three times a day
q.v.	quantum voleris	as much as you wish	tinct., tr.	tinctura	tincture
℞	recipe	you take	trit.	tritura	triturate
recen.	recens	fresh	ult.	ultime	lastly
rect.	rectificatus	rectified	unct.	unctus	smear
ren. sem.	renovetur semel	shall be renewed (only) once	ung., ungt.	unguentum	ointment
rept.	repetatur	let it be repeated	ust.	ustus	burnt
rub.	ruber	red	ut dict.	ut dictum	as directed
S., Sig.	signa, signetur	write, it shall be written (as instruction to the patient)	v.	vel	or
			vesp.	vesper	evening
			vir.	viridis, viride	green
			vol.	volatilis, volatile	volatile