

## Abbreviations in prescribing

Although most of the prescribing do will be electronic you will continue to see the following in medical notes, clinic letters and paper drug charts

NKDA – nil known drug allergies

Included below is the latin that the abbreviations come from, you do not need to remember the words, just what the abbreviation represents.

OD (omni die) – every day

OM (omni mane) – every morning

ON (omni nocte) – every night

PRN (pro re nata) – when required

BD (bis die) – twice daily

TDS (ter die sumendum) – three times daily

QDS (quarter die sumendum) – four times daily

You may also see these – although they are not best practice so we would not recommend using them when you start prescribing.

† = 1

†† = 2

††† = 3

micrograms – write out in full, do not abbreviate to mcg or  $\mu$

mg – for milligrams

g – grams