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**An Essential Medicines Dosing Guide
Based on the WHO Model Formulary**

ABBREVIATIONS

The following are a list of abbreviations and markings used in the book, or commonly encountered by our volunteers:

F	Formulary items , critical medicines to be consistently available.		
D	Donation items , medicines dependent on donations and may not be consistently available.		
EML	World Health Organisation (WHO) Essential Medicines List 2005 listed item (Core or Complementary List).		
<i>MSL</i>	medicines on the Mandatory Sailing List, required in determined quantities by international maritime law during sailing.		
N/CD	narcotics/controlled drugs (record/storage requirements)		
PS	psychotropic substances (record/storage requirements)		
WMF	WHO Model Formulary		
BNF	British National Formulary		
Q	every or each	Max	Maximum
od/QD	once a day	Min	minutes
om/q am	once every morning	hr, hrs	hour, hours
bd/BID	twice a day	wk, wks	week, weeks
tds/TID	three times a day	mth, mths	month, months
qds/QID	four times a day	yo	years old (age)
q6h/qxh	given every 6 hours or every x hours (usually for parenteral products or antibiotics)	esp.	especially
		<i>prn</i>	when needed, when required/necessary
o.n./q hs	at bedtime	Abx	Antibiotics
stat/STAT	immediately/life threatening emergency	ASAP	as soon as possible

Abbreviations

SC	subcutaneous route	S/E	side effects
IM	intramuscular route	C/I	Contraindications
IV	intravenous route (injection unless stated otherwise as infusion)	OD	right eye
		OS	left eye
KVO	keep the vein open, slow IV drip	OU	both eyes
PR	rectal route	R/Rt	right
PO	per OS/oral route	L/Lt	Left
NG	per NG/nasogastric tube	w/, w/o	with, without
SL	sublingual	c/o	complaints of
NEB	by nebuliser	d/c	Discontinued
NPO	nothing/nil by mouth	D/C	Discharged
NKA	no known allergies	OR	Operating Room
NKDA	no known drug allergies	ICU	Intensive Care Unit
D5	Dextrose/Glucose 5% infusion solution		
NS	Normal Saline or 0.9% NaCl infusion solution		
RL/LR/SL	Ringer's lactate/sodium lactate compound solution (Hartmann's)		
WFI	Water for Injection, sterile solution for reconstitution or infusion		
Conc	concentration of solution (e.g. mg/ml)		
WHO	World Health Organisation www.who.int/medicines/		
IDA	International Dispensary Association www.idafoundation.org		