

MEDICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The field of wildlife rehabilitation has its own language, with roots in human medicine, veterinary medicine, ornithology, falconry and animal husbandry. This can make things difficult for the new rehabilitator when it comes to even simple tasks like charting. The following list, although certainly not all inclusive, is intended as a beginner's guide.

Term	Definition
<u>Frequency:</u>	
s.i.d.	Once per day
b.i.d.	Twice per day
t.i.d.	Three times per day
q.i.d.	Four times per day
q.o.d.	Every other day
q 3 d	Every 3rd day
prn	As needed
<u>Routes of administration:</u>	
IV	Intravenous (into a vein)
IM	Intramuscular (into a muscle)
SQ	Subcutaneous (under the skin)
IP	Intraperitoneal (into the peritoneal cavity)
IO	Intraosseous (into the bone)
PO	Per os (into the mouth)
gavage	By tube into the stomach
topical	Applied to skin or mucous membrane
<u>Other:</u>	
NVI	No visible injury
NSF	No significant findings
BAR	Bright, alert, responsive
QAR	Quiet, alert, responsive
NAR	Not alert, responsive
BW	Body weight
BCI	Body condition index
fx	Fracture
tx	Treatment
dx	Diagnosis
TP	Total protein, total protein in serum of blood
BG	Blood glucose
PCV	Packed cell volume, also called hematocrit: the percentage of red blood cells in a sample of blood after centrifugation
RBC	Red blood cell
WBC	White blood cell
CNS	Central nervous system
OU	Both eyes