

As with dates, there are supported abbreviations you can use when entering times in DATE/TIME fields. For example, to enter the present moment, you can enter the word **NOW**. To enter an hour from the present moment, enter **NOW+1H**. To enter an hour ago from the present moment, enter **NOW-1H**. You can also combine **NOW** with **D** for day and **M** for month and ' (apostrophe) for minute. You can also enter **MID** for 12 a.m. and **NOON** for 12 p.m.

### Abbreviations for Times

The following table illustrates acceptable abbreviations when entering time:

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>NOW+3'</b>	Present time plus three minutes.
<b>NOW+1H</b>	Present time plus one hour.
<b>NOW+3D</b>	Present time plus three days.
<b>NOW+4M</b>	Present time plus four months.
<b>NOON</b>	Today at 12:00 noon.
<b>MID</b>	Today at 24:00 midnight.

**Table 13: Abbreviations for Times**

### NUMERIC Fields

NUMERIC-type fields work very much like FREE TEXT fields, except that input is restricted to valid numbers. There can also be restrictions as to how small or large a number is allowed, and how many decimal places are allowed. Entering a question mark retrieves Help that tells you what responses are acceptable.

For example, a NUMERIC field would probably be used to store the height of a patient:

HEIGHT (cm): 196
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**Figure 72: An Example of a NUMERIC Field**