



Pittsburgh Mercy Health System

DO NOT USE ABBREVIATION LIST

These abbreviations cannot be used in any handwritten clinical documentation by any clinical caregiver.

Do Not Use	Use	Description
A.D. or AD	Must write out:	right ear
ARA°A	Must write out:	vidarabine
A.S. or AS	Must write out:	left ear
A.U. or AU	Must write out:	both ears
BT	Must write out:	bedtime
IU	Must write out:	International Unit
Milligrams	Micrograms	When ordering synthroid
MS	Must write out:	Morphine Sulfate or Magnesium Sulfate
MSO4	Must write out:	Morphine Sulfate
MgSO4	Must write out:	Magnesium Sulfate
MTX	Must write out:	methotrexate
Nitro	Must write out:	Nitroglycerin or NTG
O.D. or OD	Must write out:	right eye
O.S. or OS	Must write out:	left eye
O.U. or OU	Must write out:	both eyes
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd	Must write out:	Daily
Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod	Must write out:	Every other day
ss	Must write out:	sliding scale
TIW or tiw	Must write out:	three times a week
U or u	Units	Units must be written out
ug	Micrograms or mcg	
1.0mg	1mg	Do not use a trailing zero
.1mg	0.1mg	Use a leading zero