

Columbus Regional Hospital
Columbus, Indiana
High-Risk Abbreviation List
DO NOT USE IN THE MEDICAL RECORD

Unacceptable Abbreviation

Apothecary System

AU

AD

AS

OU

OD

OS

Q.D.

Q.O.D.

μ g

IU

U or u

Cc

MgS04

Ms04, MS

Correction

Use the Metric Symbols

Write “each ear”

Write “right ear”

Write “left ear”

Write “each eye”

Write “right eye”

Write “left eye”

Write “daily”

Write “every other day”

Write “mcg”

Write “international unit”

Write “unit”

Write “mL”

Write “Mag Sulfate”

Write “Morphine”

Zero after decimal point

Do not use terminal zeros for doses expressed in whole numbers (Example: Write “1 mg” not 1.0 mg)

No zero before decimal dose

Always use zero before a decimal when the dose is less than a whole unit. (Example: Write “0.5 mg” not .5 mg)