

AS, AD, AU, OS, OD, OU for ear and eye designations

Ambivalent durations (i.e. x 10d)

2. Abbreviations and symbols for medication orders shall be approved by the Medical Staff through the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
3. Abbreviations, signs and symbols are utilized sparingly.
4. Abbreviations of drug names are not approved unless field length restrictions necessitate abbreviations. (2,3,4)
5. Ambiguous medication orders (containing unapproved abbreviations, signs, symbols, legibility concerns, etc.) shall be clarified prior to drug dispensing and administration.

References:

1 HFAP 10.01.06, 25.00.00

2 ISMP List of Error Prone Abbreviations <https://www.ismp.org/tools/errorproneabbreviations.pdf>

3 Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety List of Banned Abbreviations 2016

4 Pharmacy Policy ABBREVIATIONS AND DOSAGE DESIGNATIONS combined and retired 11/1/16

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