

UNACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS

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| A.D. | |
| A.S. | Write out "left ear", "right ear", or "both ears" |
| A.U. | |
| iu | Write out "international units" |
| MgSO ₄ | Write out magnesium sulfate |
| MSO ₄ | Write out morphine sulfate |
| O.S. | |
| O.D. | Write out "left eye", "right eye", or "both eyes" |
| O.U. | |
| Q.D. | |
| | Write out "daily: and "every other day" |
| Q.O.D. | |
| T.T.W. | Write out "three times weekly" |
| u | Write out "units" |
| μ | Write out mcg or micrograms |

Do not abbreviate any medications

Write out **mcg** or **microgram** for all Levothyroxine orders instead of milligram.

Do not use terminal zeros for doses expressed in whole numbers (2.0 should be expressed at 2 mg).

Always use a leading zero before a decimal when the dose is less than a whole unit (.2 mg should be expressed as 0.2 mg).