

UNACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS

A.D.	
A.S.	Write out "left ear", "right ear", or "both ears"
A.U.	
iu	Write out "international units"
MgSO4	Write out magnesium sulfate
MSO4	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 as 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).

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