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THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTHCARE ERRORS AND ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR USE AT THE 59 MDW ON ANY MEDICATION-RELATED DOCUMENTATION AND PROVIDER'S ORDERS.

Abbreviation	Intended Meaning	Common Error	Correction
U, u	Unit	Mistaken for "0" (zero), the number "4" (four) or "cc"	Write "unit"
IU	International Unit	Mistaken for IV (intravenous) or number 10 (ten)	Write "International Unit"
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd	Daily	Mistaken for each other	Write "daily"
Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod	Every Other Day	Period after the Q mistaken for "I" and the "O" mistaken for "I"	Write "every other day"
Trailing zero (1.0 mg) Lack of leading zero (0.5 mg)	Signifies 1 Signifies 0.5	Decimal point is missed	Write X mg ( <b>Do not</b> use a decimal/zero after whole numbers) Write 0.X mg (Use zero before a decimal)
MS MSO4, MgSO4	Morphine Sulfate, Magnesium Sulfate	Mistaken for one another	Write "morphine sulfate" Write "magnesium sulfate"

Previous versions of this list are obsolete.

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