

Unapproved Medication Abbreviations



Abbreviations must not be used in the patient's medical record

No

Yes

U or IU

Write out "**Units**" or "**International Units**"

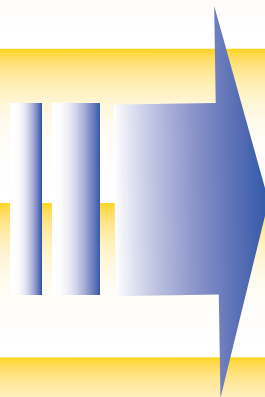
1.0 mg or .1mg

No Trailing Zeros
No Leading decimals

MS or MS04

Spell it out:
Morphine

MgSO₄



Spell it out:
Magnesium Sulfate

DA or Dop

Spell it out:
Dopamine

DB or Dob

Spell it out:
Dobutamine

QD or QOD

Write "**daily**" or "**every other day**"

SNP

Spell it out:
Nitroprusside

Medication orders using these abbreviations must be clarified prior to dispensing and administering