

MUSC Medical Center

PROHIBITED ABBREVIATIONS

Use of Abbreviations applies to all Clinicians / Staff

- Drug names will not be abbreviated (AZT, HCTZ, NEO).
- No abbreviations on Informed Consent.
- These abbreviations are prohibited in **ANY FORM** (i.e., small or large case, with or without periods):

mcg, µg or ug	microgram
qd	every day
qod	every other day
U or u	unit; umbilicus
IU	international unit
MS, MSO ₄	misread as Magnesium
MgSO ₄	misread as Morphine Sulfate

Do not write a whole number with a trailing zero.

USE: 5 mg NOT: 5.0 mg

Do not write a decimal point without leading zero.

USE: 0.5 mg NOT: .5 mg