

UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital
UNAPPROVED ABBREVIATION LIST

(Exhibit B)

*The following abbreviations **MAY NOT** be used in medical record documentation.
 The entry may only be documented as it appears in the “acceptable entry” column.*

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Unacceptable Abbreviation/ Dose Expression	Intended Meaning	Misinterpretation	Acceptable Entry
ug	microgram	Mistaken for mg	Use mcg or microgram
U or u	unit	read as zero (0) or a four (4) causing a 10 fold overdose or greater (4U seen as 40 or 4u seen as 44)	unit
IU	international unit	misread as IV (intravenous) or the number 10 (ten)	international units
Trailing zero - zero after decimal point (X.0 mg)	X mg (1 mg)	misread as 10 mg if the decimal point is not seen	do not use terminal zeros for doses expressed in whole numbers (X mg)
no zero before decimal point (.X mg)	0.X mg (0.5 mg)	misread as 5 mg	always use zero before a decimal when the dose is less than a whole unit (0.X mg)
MgSO4	magnesium sulfate	mistaken for morphine sulfate	magnesium sulfate
MS	morphine sulfate magnesium sulfate	confused for one or the other	morphine sulfate or magnesium sulfate
MS04	morphine sulfate	mistaken for magnesium sulfate	morphine sulfate
Q.D., QD (q.d., qd)	once daily	mistaken for every other day	daily or qday
Q.O.D, QOD (q.o.d., qod)	every other day	mistaken for every day	every other day or qoth day