

Adhering to a Do-Not-Use List of Abbreviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations

This is a Required Organizational Practice (ROP) for Accreditation

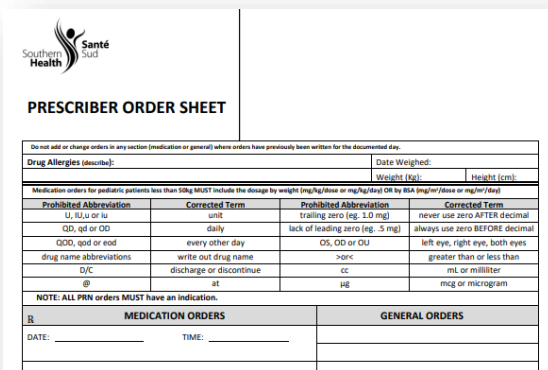
MISINTERPRETED ABBREVIATIONS INCLUDING DRUG NAME ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND DOSE DESIGNATIONS CAN CAUSE MEDICATION SAFETY INCIDENTS SUCH AS INCORRECT MEDICATIONS, INCORRECT DOSES, OR INCORRECT DIRECTIONS FOR USE THAT MAY RESULT IN CLIENT HARM

The do not use abbreviations, symbols and dose designations can be found on the StaffNet:

- [Medication Order Writing policy \(CLI.6010.PL.011\)](#)
- [Do NOT USE: Dangerous Abbreviations, Symbols, Dose Designations list \(CLI.6010.PL.011.SD.01\)](#)

Clinical team’s role:

- REPORT MISINTERPRETED ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS AND DOSE DESIGNATIONS THAT COULD HAVE HARMED, OR DID HARM A CLIENT AS A MEDICATION SAFETY INCIDENT
- ALL SITES SHOULD BE USING THE NEW [PRESCRIBER ORDER SHEET \(CLI.4510.PR.002.FORM.13\)](#)



PRESCRIBER ORDER SHEET

Do not add or change orders in any section (medication or general) where orders have previously been written for the documented date.

Drug Allergies (describe):		Date Weighed:	
		Weight (kg):	Height (cm):
Medication orders for pediatric patients less than 50kg MUST include the dosage by weight (mg/kg/dose or mg/kg/day) OR by BSA (mg/m ² /dose or mg/m ² /day)			
Prohibited Abbreviation	Corrected Term	Prohibited Abbreviation	Corrected Term
U, IU, u or iu	unit	trailing zero (eg. 1.0 mg)	never use zero AFTER decimal
QD, qd or QD	daily	lack of leading zero (eg. .5 mg)	always use zero BEFORE decimal
QOD, qod or eod	every other day	OS, OD or OU	left eye, right eye, both eyes
drug name abbreviations	write out drug name	>perc	greater than or less than
D/C	discharge or discontinue	cc	ml or milliliter
@	at	µg	mcg or microgram

NOTE: ALL PRN orders MUST have an indication.

R MEDICATION ORDERS		GENERAL ORDERS	
DATE: _____	TIME: _____		