

Attention All Health Care Providers

Please do not use the following abbreviations
that are known to cause medical errors:

■ ■ SAINT BARNABAS
■ ■ HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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QOD	<i>(for every other day)</i>	OS	<i>(for left eye)</i>
MS	<i>(for morphine)</i>	OD	<i>(for right eye)</i>
MgSO ₄	<i>(for magnesium)</i>	OU	<i>(for both eyes)</i>
IU	<i>(for international units)</i>	AS	<i>(for left ear)</i>
Trailing zero	<i>(use 2 not 2.0)</i>	AD	<i>(for right ear)</i>
Decimal point without leading zero	<i>(use 0.2 not .2)</i>	AU	<i>(for both ears)</i>
QD	<i>(for daily)</i>		
OD	<i>(for daily)</i>		
QID	<i>(for four times daily)</i>		
U	<i>(for units)</i>		
MSO ₄	<i>(for morphine)</i>		

The use of these abbreviations
will not be accepted and will
require clarification.
- *Medical Executive Committee*