

Crosswalk of Unacceptable and Dangerous Abbreviations
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The following chart displays which abbreviations are identified as dangerous by organization

		JCAHO	NCCMERP	ISMP
Abbreviations	Intended meaning			
U	Units	X	X	X
µg	Micrograms	X	X	X
Q.D.	Latin abbreviation for every day	X	X	X
Q.O.D	Latin abbreviation for every other day	X	X	X
. 5	0.5mg	X		X
1 . 0	1mg	X		X
OD	once daily			X
SC or SQ	Subcutaneous	X	X	X
sub q	Subcutaneous			X
TIW	Three times a week		X	X
D/C	Discharge	X	X	X
HS	Half strength	X	X	
cc	Cubic centimeters	X	X	X
per os	orally	X		X
qn	nightly or at bedtime			X
qhs	nightly or at bedtime			X
BT	bedtime			X
AU,AS, AD	Latin abbreviation for both ears; let ear; right ear	X	X	X
x3d	times three days			X
IU	international unit	X		X
ss	sliding scale	X		X
Apothecary symbols	dram, grain, minim			X
&	and	X		
Drug names	Use complete drug name			X
ARA ⁰ A	vidarabine			X
AZT	zidovudine			X
CPZ	compazine			X
DPT	deterol-phenergan-thyrazine	X		X
HCL	hydrochloric acid			X
HCT	hydrocortisone			X
HCTZ	hydrochlorothiazide			X
MgSO4	magnesium sulfate			X
MSO4	morphine sulfate			X
MTX	methotrexate			X
TAC	triamcinolone			X
ZnSO4	zinc sulfate			X
"Nitro" drip	nitroglycerin infusion			X
norflox	norfloxacin			X
>and<	greater than and less than	X		X
/ (slash mark)	separates 2 doses	X		X
Name letters and dose numbers run together (e.g., Inderal40 mg)	Inderal 40 mg			X