Unacceptable Drug Abbreviations

The P & T Committee has developed an Unacceptable Abbreviation Listing that includes:

- **ALWAYS** use leading zeroes with decimals (i.e., 0.5 mg, **NOT .5 mg**);
- **NEVER** use trailing zeroes with decimals (i.e., 5 mg, **NOT 5.0 mg**).
- **ug** - use “mcg” instead of “ug”
- **u** - write out units instead of “u”
- **cc** - use “ml” instead of “cc”
- **Drug names cannot be abbreviated unless on the “Approved Drug Abbreviation” list.**
- **“Days”** to be written out instead of abbreviated.
- **“Doses”** to be written out instead of abbreviated.
- **T.I.W.** - write “3 times weekly” or “three times weekly”
- **IU** - write out “international unit”
- **Q.D., Q.O.D.** - write “daily” and “every other day”
- **MS, MSO₄, MgSO₄** - write out “morphine sulfate” or “magnesium sulfate”
- **Ditto Marks “”**
Acceptable Drug Abbreviations

The P & T Committee has developed an Acceptable Drug Abbreviation Listing that includes:

ASA - Aspirin

BiCarb - bicarbonate

Ca+ - calcium
CaCl - calcium chloride
CaCO₃ - calcium carbonate

D₅½ - dextrose 5% ½ normal saline
D₅LR - dextrose 5% lactated ringers
D₅NS - , dextrose 5% normal saline
D₅9 - dextrose 5% normal saline

Hep Lock flush - DO NOT USE “CVP Flush”

IV Ig - intravenous immune globulin

KCL - potassium chloride
KVO - keep vein open (default rate of 30 mL/hr for adults)

LR - lactated ringers

MOM - Milk of Magnesia
MS Contin
MSIR - morphine sulfate immediate release

NaBiCarb - sodium bicarbonate
NaCl - sodium chloride
NaHCO₃ - sodium bicarbonate
NS - normal saline
NTG - nitroglycerin (DO NOT USE “Nitro”)

PEN G - penicillin G

RL - ringers’ lactated

TNKase - Tenecteplase
TPA - tissue plasmin activator
TPN - total parental nutrition