

Abbreviation	Issue	Correction
U (Unit)	mistaken as a o, 4 or cc	write "unit"
IU (International Unit)	mistaken as IV or 10	write "international unit"
Q.D. qd QD Q.O.D. qod	latin for "once daily" & "every other day" -easily mistaken	Write 'daily' or 'every other day'
.5 mg 0.50 mg	decimals are easily missed	0.5 mg
ug (microgram)	mistaken for mg 1,000x overdose	write "mcg"
HS, hs (half strength)	mistaken as either half strength or hour or sleep	write "half strength" or "at bedtime"
T.I.W., TIW, tiw (three times a week)	could be two or three times weekly	write out "three times weekly"
SC, SQ, subq (subcutaneous)	mistaken as SL for sublingual or "5 every.."	write sub-Q, subQ or subcutaneously
b.m. a.m. (before meal, after meal)	could be mistaken for body mass or morning	AC for "before meals" PC for "after meals"