Error-prone abbreviations and symbols may cause confusion potentially resulting in medication errors.

This week's activity:
- Review your agency’s policy or guidance on the use of abbreviations:
  - Read the Error Prone Abbreviation document from ISMP found in the Safe Medication Administration Library.
  - Consider having staff spell out high-risk terms instead of using abbreviations or symbols that could be confused.
  - Make sure staff does not use their own abbreviations. Only approved and formally recognized abbreviations should be used when communicating any health care information.
- Review abbreviations and symbols that should not be used with your staff.

For more information on Error-prone abbreviations go to: www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx