

12 Weeks to a Safer Medication System: **Week Six**



Be a REAL HERO Medication
Errors Down to Zero

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

This weeks activity:

- Review your agency's policy or guidance on the use of abbreviations and symbols.
- Only use abbreviations and symbols approved for your setting – do not make up your own abbreviations or symbols.
- Discuss with your team:
 - ❖ Abbreviations or symbols being used that may cause confusion in your setting;
 - ❖ The importance of verifying a medication order anytime an abbreviation or symbol isn't clear.

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

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