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 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