**ABBREVIATIONS**

### DOSES
- **gm** = gram
- **mg** = milligram
- **mcg** = microgram
- **cc** = cubic centimeter
- **ml** = milliliter
- **tsp** = teaspoonful
- **tbsp** = tablespoonful
- **oz** = ounce
- **mEq** = milliequivalent

### ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION
- **po** = by mouth
- **pr** = per rectum
- **OD** = right eye
- **OS** = left eye
- **OU** = both eyes
- **AD** = right ear
- **AS** = left ear
- **AU** = both ears
- **SL** = sublingual (under the tongue)
- **SQ** = subcutaneous (under the skin)
- **per GT** = through gastrostomy tube

### TIMES
- **QD** = every day
- **BID** = twice a day
- **TID** = three times a day
- **QID** = four times a day
- **q_h** = every ___ hours
- **qhs** = at bedtime
- **ac** = before meals
- **pc** = after meals
- **PRN** = as needed
- **QOD** = every other day
- **ac/hs** = before meals and at bedtime
- **pc/hs** = after meals and at bedtime

### OTHER
- **MAR** = medication administration record
- **OTC** = over the counter

**Abbreviations should not be used in orders or on the MARs, due to potential medication errors. Employee should be familiar with abbreviations and able to find a list when needed.**