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01.01.01** Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment, and services.
Label containers used for blood and other specimens in the presence of the patient.
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02.03.01** Report critical results of tests and diagnostic procedures on a timely basis.
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03.04.01** Label all medications, medication containers (syringes, medicine cups, and basins), and other solutions.
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03.05.01** Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulant therapy.
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03.06.01** Maintain and communicate accurate patient medication information (medication reconciliation).
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06.01.01** Improve the safety of clinical alarm systems.
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07.01.01** Comply with either the current CDC hand hygiene guidelines or the current WHO hand hygiene guidelines.
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15.01.01** Reduce the risk for suicide.
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16.01.01** Improving health care equity is a quality and patient safety priority.

Abbreviations

Do NOT Use	Use Instead
IU (International Unit)	Write “International Unit”
U, u (unit)	Write “unit”
Q.D., QD, q.d., qd (daily)	Write “daily”
Q.O.D., QOD, q.o.d., qod (every other day)	Write “every other day”
Trailing zero (X.0 mg)* Lack of leading zero (.X mg)	Write X mg Write 0.X mg
MS MSO ₄ and MgSO ₄	Write “morphine sulfate” Write “magnesium sulfate”

Applies to all orders and all medication-related documentation that is handwritten (including free-text computer entry) or on preprinted forms.

***Exception:** A “trailing zero” may be used only where required to demonstrate the level of precision of the value being reported, such as for laboratory results, imaging studies that report size of lesions, or catheter/tube sizes. It may not be used in medication orders or other medication-related documentation.

