

Medication Line Details Crib Sheet

Numbers

DOSE 1 g

DOSE 500 mg

Avoid the need for decimal points (where possible)

DOSE 0.5 mL

0.25 mg per mL

Display a leading zero before a decimal point, and don't display a trailing zero ('0.50' is incorrect)

400 and 57 mg in 5 mL

5,000 units per mL

Use 'and' to join two strength values in a combination drug

Use 'in' rather than '/' before a fluid quantity

Use 'per' to describe strength in a single unit of fluid

Use a comma to break up numeric values of one thousand and above

Symbols to Avoid

Do not use symbols that may be confused with numbers, including these:

@		<	>
/	\	&	°

Avoid brackets and separators that look like the number 1

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Additional Text Labels and Line Breaks

When designing for specific contexts, especially those that need additional text labels and line breaks, display drug name first and display other attributes (in a different order if necessary) from the one illustrated below

salbutamol – metered dose inhaler
STRENGTH 100 micrograms per dose
DOSE 2 puffs
ROUTE inhaled
every 4 hours as required –
maximum 8 puffs in 24 hours

When a medication is not displayed as a single line of text and the attributes of a medication are listed in a different order, use text labels for as many of the illustrated attributes as possible