



## POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

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### SECTION: NURSING

#### POLICY #: 399 Acceptable abbreviations lists

**POLICY:** Central Valley Health District use of abbreviations.

#### PROCEDURE:

1. Client documentation will include acceptable medical abbreviations found ~~in~~ Stedman's Abbreviations, Acronyms and Symbols ~~on the Approved Charting Abbreviations listing- see document 399A.~~
2. ~~Document 399A will be reviewed by the nursing staff on an annual basis and updated as appropriate.~~
3. ~~Commonly used abbreviations will be "flagged" for quick reference and identification.~~
4. Unacceptable abbreviations will be determined from the JCAHO "Do Not Use" Abbreviations list and possible future "Do Not Use" abbreviations, acronyms and symbols. All nursing staff members will be provided with a current listing of the JCAHO. "Do Not Use" list. This listing will be updated regularly as available from JCAHO.

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