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Decimals

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The decimal form should be used when a fraction is given with an abbreviated unit of measure (eg, 0.5 g, 2.7 mm) to reflect the precision of the measurement (eg, 38.0 kg should not be rounded to 38 kg if the scale was accurate to tenths of a kilogram). (See also , Units of Measure, Use of Numerals With Units, Decimal Format.)The patient was receiving gentamicin sulfate, 3.5 mg/kg, every 8 hours. Her serum gentamicin level reached a peak of 5.8 µg/mL and a trough of 0.7 µg/mL after the third dose. Place a zero before the decimal point in numbers less than