

Protecting, Promoting & Advancing Pharmacy Compounding

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What is IACP?

International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP)

The International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) is an association representing more than 3,600 pharmacists, technicians, students, and members of the compounding community who focus upon the specialty practice of pharmacy compounding. Compounding pharmacists work directly with prescribers including physicians, nurse practitioners and veterinarians to create customized medication solutions for patients and animals whose healthcare needs cannot be met by manufactured medications. More than 164,000 patients and prescribers also belong to our organization via the grassroots advocacy group, P2C2 (Patients and Professionals for Customized Care). IACP's mission of protecting, promoting and advancing personalized medication solutions is critical for patient healthcare. Visit www.iacprx.org to learn more and to find a compounding pharmacist near you.

IACP Mission

The mission of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists is to protect, promote and advance the art and science of pharmacy compounding.

IACP Vision

The International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists is the recognized authority for information, expertise, and practice standards with regard to pharmacy compounding.

More than 164,000 Voices Strong and Growing!

In addition, IACP represents more than 164,000 patients and practitioners including: physicians; veterinarians; and nurse practitioners through its ally grassroots organization, Patients & Professionals for Customized Care (P2C2). IACP is committed to ensuring the rights of physicians to prescribe, of pharmacists to prepare, and of patients to take personalized medication solutions that meet their unique, individual health needs.

As part of the free P2C2 membership, participants receive *Custom Care Times*, an electronic newsletter which is distributed monthly and covers a number of patient-centric topics, including the recent 17-P hydroxyprogesterone, a medication to help prevent pre-term labor.

[Click here](#) for more information about P2C2.

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What is Compounding?

Millions of patients have unique health needs that off-the-shelf, manufactured medications cannot meet. For these patients, personalized medication solutions – prescribed by licensed practitioners and prepared by trained, licensed pharmacists – are the only way to better health.

Working with a physician, a compounding pharmacist can meet individual needs of children, adults and animals. Whether it's an allergy to a dye or ingredient, a need for a different strength, or a preference for a different dosage form, compounding pharmacists provide patients with solutions to their medication needs.

Click below to listen to an interview with IACP's Executive Vice President & CEO, David G. Miller, RPh, to learn more about pharmacy compounding.

As Heard on The Executive Report - US Airways In-flight Radio Show



Why Compounding?

When needed medication are discontinued by or generally unavailable from pharmaceutical companies, often because the medications are no longer profitable to manufacture;

When the patient is allergic to certain preservatives, dyes or binders in available off-the-shelf medications;

When treatment requires tailored dosage strengths for patients with unique needs (for example, an infant);

When a pharmacist can combine several medications a patient is taking to increase compliance;

When a patient cannot ingest the medication in its commercially available form and a pharmacist can prepare the medication in cream, liquid or other form that the patient can easily take; and

When medications require flavor additives to make them more palatable for some patients, most often, children.

How is it Regulated?

All pharmacies and pharmacists are licensed and strictly regulated by State Boards of Pharmacy. Compounding is a core component of pharmacy and always has been regulated by state boards, which are constantly updating their standards and regulations.

In addition, standards set by the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) are integrated into the practice of pharmacy compounding. The Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) has developed national standards to accredit pharmacies that perform a significant amount of compounding.

Compounding – The Numbers

1. The compounding industry now makes up an estimated 1 to 3 percent of the U.S. prescription market, which is \$300 billion overall.
2. A national survey of independent pharmacists showed that 78 percent compound medications for patients.
3. Virtually 100 percent of hospitals compound medications.
4. Virtually all home health specialty pharmacies compound.
5. All nuclear pharmacies compound.

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