



Scrutinized more than ever, medication compounding adds to an organization's risk for potentially harming patients, staff, and the environment.

Recently implemented by Michigan (see next page), many state pharmacy boards are considering mandatory certification for medication compounding as an objective validation of USP General Chapter <797> standards-driven performance. In addition, several other states have passed laws requiring pharmacies performing sterile compounding pharmaceuticals to be in compliance with USP General Chapter <797>. In response, The Joint Commission now offers its Medication Compounding Certification to help compounding pharmacies achieve optimal safety and high reliability in compounding practices.

This new certification recognizes organizations that demonstrate excellence through compliance with Joint Commission standards for medication compounding founded on the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) standards. The certification keeps pace with the latest technology and provides an independent evaluation and validation of compliance with:

- USP General Chapter <797> (process, testing, and verification of compounded sterile preparations, including recent updates)
- USP General Chapter <795> (nonsterile preparations)
- New! USP General Chapter <800> (practice and quality standards for hazardous drugs) to be implemented by January 1, 2019

The certification was developed using input from expert pharmacists having specific expertise in sterile and nonsterile compounding.

The Risks of Compounding

Pew's Drug Safety Project identified over 25 reported compounding errors or potential errors associated with 1,076 adverse events, including 90 deaths, since 2001.

The Pew Charitable Trusts, Drug Safety Project,
October 14, 2015

How Your Organization Benefits

- Reduce risk and harm
- Help ensure USP compliance
- Discover and remedy hidden gaps in policies and procedures
- Engage staff in improvements
- Access to The Joint Commission's Leading Practices Library
- Receive the world's most recognized "seal of approval"



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