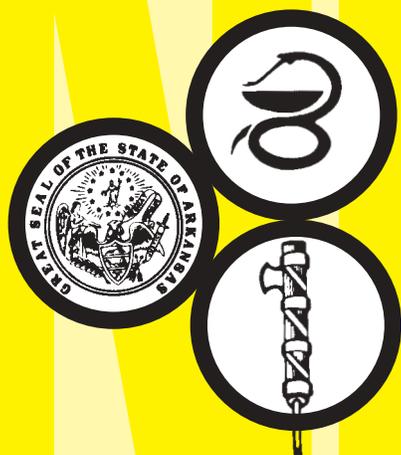


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Pharmacy Compounding

Since the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy promulgated changes in §07-02-0002-Good Compounding Practices that recognized and allowed compounding for office stock, it is important for all compounding pharmacists to be aware of the following:

- ◆ Pharmacists may not compound products that are essentially duplicates of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved products, unless such drugs are not commercially available. The unavailability of such products must be documented prior to compounding. The recommended methodology for documenting unavailability is to print the screen of wholesalers showing back-ordered, discontinued, or out-of-stock items. This or similar documentation must be available when requested on audit.
- ◆ There is no provision under §07-02-0002 that specifically addresses office stock compounding for veterinarian use. There is clearly a difference in FDA law regarding appropriate products for use in food animals, as opposed to companion animals. Compounding for veterinary use should be limited to patient (animal)-specific prescriptions.
- ◆ The FDA Compliance Policy Guides Manual, Section 460.200 Pharmacy Compounding, contains Appendix A, which is a list of compounding drugs that were withdrawn or removed from the market for safety reasons. All compounding pharmacists must be aware of all products on this list and avoid their use in any amount in any compounded prescription. The list may be accessed on the Internet at www.fda.gov/ora/compliance_ref/cpg/default.htm.

Technician Renewal

The renewals for all technician permits have been mailed. It is the responsibility of the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) to make sure all personnel working in the pharmacy department are properly licensed or permitted. If a

technician is working in a pharmacy without a current permit, the technician, PIC, and the pharmacy will all be subject to Board action.

Continuing Education Reminder

Beginning with the current 2002-2003 biennium, the requirements for continuing education (CE) are:

1. Thirty (30) hours of CE each biennium, as approved by the Arkansas Tripartite Committee on Continuing Education.
2. A minimum of twelve (12) CE hours of the thirty (30) required hours must be live contact hours as defined by the Committee. The live hours must be concerning drug therapy or patient care.

At the time this *Newsletter* was published, there are ten (10) months remaining in this biennium to obtain thirty (30) hours of CE. How much have you completed? The Board office always receives frantic calls at the end of the year asking us where the next live CE session is being held. Please do not wait until December to try to complete your hours. Contact your local and state associations, drug representatives, and the College of Pharmacy now to request a schedule for the year. Please contact the Board office at 501/682-0190 if you have any questions about the CE requirements.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides for privacy and security of an individual's health care information. These requirements were not implemented by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy and enforcement of the provisions of HIPAA is not the responsibility of the Board. The portion affecting pharmacies becomes effective April 14, 2003. In-depth information concerning HIPAA compliance and regulations is available at www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa under "HIPAA Administration Simplification."

Arkansas Pharmacy Support Group

If you or someone you know has a problem, the Pharmacy Support Group can help. Call the Arkansas Pharmacy Support Group Help Line at 1-870/636-0923 and leave a message. If you feel the situation requires immediate assistance, please call the Board office at 501/682-0190 and ask for the number of a member of the Support Group to make immediate contact. This number and assistance is available to pharmacists, pharmacy students, pharmacy technicians, or other pharmacy professionals. You do not have to identify yourself. The support group has information available that will help you to make some decisions. The group will answer questions and let you decide if you want its help. If you feel that you want to talk to one of the members in person, a meeting can be arranged. Please do not wait until someone else has control of your choices and the consequences of your actions.

New Reciprocating Pharmacists

The following is a list of pharmacists who were approved to receive an Arkansas pharmacist license by reciprocity by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy at its June 2002 meeting:

Thomas Ball	Lemuel Kyle Bean
Melissa Bernard	John Beyer
Tammy Bowers	Ryan Butler
Michael Calogero	Sahra Chaudhry
Jay Costello	Elmo "Chet" Freeman, Jr
Jody Gaston	Michael Geeslin
George Hall, Jr	Johnny Hawley
Tanya Hill	Jason Hodges
Jerry Holmes	Arthur King
Michael Koerner	Timothy Kostka
Donna Larimore	Jonathan Larsen
Charles Lustick	Lyle Matthews

Michael Ritchie, Jr
Robert Stanko, Jr
Jo Stewart
Antoine Trinh
Robert Wilbanks

Debbie Robinson
R. Michael Stephens
Amy Thompson
Susan White
Bruce Williams

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy would like to welcome all of these pharmacists to Arkansas.

Special Notice About This Newsletter

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy has designated this *Newsletter* as an official method to notify pharmacists licensed by the Board about information and legal developments. Please read this *Newsletter* and keep it for future reference because this *Newsletter* will be used in hearings as proof of notification of the *Newsletter's* contents. Please contact the Board office at 501/682-0190 if you have questions about any of the articles in this *Newsletter*.

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