

10 Reasons

WHY PHARMACISTS COMPOUND

There are a myriad of reasons why pharmacists compound, or customize medication per a prescriber's order. The following are just 10 reasons why pharmacists have said they have incorporated compounding into their daily practices:

1. A career path leading to compounding is rewarding to a pharmacist in many ways: professionally, personally, creatively and financially. As a compounder, a pharmacist can expect to hear daily stories about how compounded medications have dramatically improved a patient's life.
2. Pharmacists are the only healthcare professionals possessing the training, knowledge and skill required to compound and prepare medications to meet a patient's unique needs. The responsibility to compound safe, effective prescriptions for patients who require special care is fundamental to the pharmacy profession.
3. Compounding allows pharmacists to provide pharmacist care services for each patient.
4. Customized medications can fill specific needs often not met by commercially available medications. Compounding provides physicians with expanded treatment options by providing dosage form and strength flexibility.

5. Compounding pharmacists enjoy an increased communication level between themselves, patients and practitioners.



6. Virtually every disease state has patients who cannot tolerate commercially available medications, and that's where customized treatment options are making differences in patient outcomes. Compounding pharmacists have the opportunity to work with a variety of practice specialties, such as hospice, pediatrics, pain management, OB/GYN, BHRT for women and men, infertility, autism, cosmetics, dentistry, sports medicine, and veterinary compounding, which in turn broadens the scope of their practices and creates other opportunities to provide other pharmacist care services.

7. By increasing the focus on patient care and providing patients with customized prescriptions, compounding pharmacists can help to improve one of the healthcare profession's greatest challenges — patient compliance.

8. Compounding pharmacists believe that medical practitioners from a variety of healthcare disciplines and practice areas respect and depend upon them because they have become the “problem solver” for physicians and their patients. Many compounders now serve on medical interdisciplinary teams, working alongside physicians and nurses to serve the patient.

9. Compounding pharmacists have ranked their career satisfaction and overall job satisfaction significantly higher than non-compounders, citing the ability to make use of their education and skills, flexibility of schedules, and the quality of professional encounters with coworkers and other healthcare practitioners.

10. Today's compounding pharmacists have access to sophisticated equipment such as electronic balances; cleanrooms; safety equipment and procedures; accredited training and education; testing labs for quality assurance; and technical resources, allowing them to provide patients with quality products that meet their specified requirements.

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