



# Quality Compounds Start with PCCA Quality Chemicals, Bases and Education

The broadest products and services available backed by the most dedicated team in the industry.

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## Company Background

At PCCA, we help pharmacists and prescribers create personalized medicine that makes a difference in patients' lives. Our members solve some of their customers' toughest medical challenges – all while running their own businesses. That's why we provide more products, more education, and more support than any other organization. We're always working to help our members grow, and we've grown, too. What began in 1981 as a small network of pharmacists is almost 4,000 members strong, with 360 employees worldwide and five distribution centers serving the United States, Canada, and Australia. At PCCA, we've made it our business to support compounding pharmacists every step of the way – and then some. It's all about bringing a level of service that makes you say, "WOW."

## Product Overview

While our members have access to over 4,560 active and non-active chemicals – more than any other compounding pharmacy supplier – the competitive advantage we bring to our members is the industry's most comprehensive quality control and assurance program. Find out more at: [www.pccarx.com/quality](http://www.pccarx.com/quality)

### Here is the Quality Difference that PCCA Brings to Member Pharmacies Every Day:

#### ■ Every Lot – Not Just the Initial Lot – is Tested

- We do not solely rely upon the USP or manufacturer's label to ensure the quality of the chemicals received.
- Every lot is sampled and tested to individual chemical specifications based on monograph and internal requirements. The tests may include: Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy, ultraviolet-visible analysis, melting point, specific gravity, particle size analysis, solubility, chemical identifications, viscosity, pH, Brix, and refractive index.
- Additional testing of APIs is done using actual formulations.

#### ■ 15 Checks and Analyses are Performed on Each Chemical Lot

- Ten qualitative and quantitative analyses are performed on every incoming chemical lot before it is released for repacking or sale.
- Each lot is tested against the certificate of analysis (C of A), including: USP, EP, NF, FCC, ACS, and PCCA standards.
- After initial testing, all results are reviewed for accuracy by a second QC analyst.
- Chemicals are tested only by degreed chemical analysts.
- Five validation checks are made during each repack order, including:
  - Written and audited label control procedures.
  - Production audits performed by the QA department followed by a second identity test performed by QC department on repacked chemicals.

#### ■ PCCA Rejects Almost 200 Chemical Lots Per Year

- PCCA is fully registered by the FDA, DEA, and State of Texas as a manufacturer and follows current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP).
- Only FDA-registered manufacturers following cGMPs are used for the purchase of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs).

#### ■ Proven Bases for More Patient Options

With access to more than 60 proprietary bases – unavailable to other compounders – your PCCA pharmacy will have more options to treat patients, from VersaBase® topicals, specifically designed for compounded HRT delivery, to Lipoderm®, the industry's only transdermal proven to deliver four drugs simultaneously, to PracaSil™-Plus, our newest base for scar therapy backed by a number of studies showing its effectiveness.

#### ■ Comprehensive Education is the Key to Compounding

Continuing education is the key to quality compounding solutions. Your PCCA pharmacy has access to more Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)-accredited continuing education than anyone else. In 2015, PCCA will conduct more than 115 ACPE-accredited sessions across the United States, Canada, and Australia, as well as scores of other training sessions from clinical and technician-related topics to sales and marketing.

#### ■ Complete Support

Member pharmacies have access to the industry's best support with more than 30 pharmacists and pharmaceutical chemists on-hand to answer the toughest compounding and clinical questions.

#### ■ Advocacy

Through our dedicated public affairs group, PCCA advocates for each member's right to compound through such things as regulatory and insurance support, product availability, and crisis intervention. We work hard on your behalf to raise awareness of compounding, and to protect your practice, and your patients.