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Local Pharmacy is Nation's First to Earn Safety Accreditation
The Compounding Shoppe earns new accreditation status, high marks on quality and safety

HOMEWOOD, AL - One local pharmacy is making it easier for doctors and patients to choose a compounding pharmacy that meets the highest quality and safety standards. On September 6, The Compounding Shoppe earned the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board's (PCAB) Seal of Accreditation, using a new system of standards created by some of the leading organizations in the pharmacy profession.

"We are honored by this new accreditation," said owner & chief pharmacist Scott Wepfer. "It confirms our hard work and commitment to protecting our patients through the consistent practice of compounding safe and high-quality personalized medications. There are healthcare providers in our community who rely on us for specialized medicines that meet the individual needs of each of our patients. We believe this strengthens the bond of trust between our pharmacy and the Birmingham area."

To earn PCAB Accreditation, The Compounding Shoppe was required to meet strict criteria which included completion of an extensive application, documentation of their written policies, and an analysis of its quality procedures. All of this was reviewed by PCAB along with some of the leaders in the field of compounding. The process also included an extensive on-site inspection. Once the stringent evaluations were completed,

PCAB officially granted The Compounding Shoppe its Seal of Accreditation and the right to use the designation “PCAB Accredited™ compounding pharmacy.”

Compounding is the method pharmacists use to make custom medications in order to meet the specific health needs of individual patients. It is an integral part of the practice of pharmacy with an estimated 30 million to 40 million prescriptions being compounded each year. Many pharmacies practice a small degree of compounding, while others like The Compounding Shoppe specialize in the centuries-old practice. Physicians may prescribe a compounded medication when:

- A child needs a smaller dose of a medicine that is only commercially manufactured in adult-size doses.
- A person needs a medicine in a liquid form that is only commercially available as tablets or capsules.
- A doctor believes a medicine is needed for his or her patient but it is not commercially available.

“With the high volume of prescriptions that are compounded each year, there has been a need for an enhanced, profession-wide system of standards by which each compounding pharmacy can test its quality processes,” said Ken Baker, Executive Director of the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board. “While compounding pharmacy is regulated by the state, PCAB Accreditation is an even more comprehensive way to ensure a compounding pharmacy is meeting the highest quality and safety standards.”

About The Compounding Shoppe

The Compounding Shoppe, started in 1995 by Wepfer, is Alabama’s first compounding only pharmacy. Wepfer is leading the way in Alabama’s quality compounding, becoming the first Fellow of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists and remaining the state’s only fellow for eight years.

About the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB)

The Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board is a not-for-profit corporation formed by eight national pharmacy organizations that recognized the need for a national

standards organization for compounding pharmacy. Together, these leading organizations developed the policies and standards for the practice of compounding pharmacy, as well as the PCAB Accreditation criteria and processes.

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