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Renovating or Opening a New Pharmacy

As existing pharmacies have been working towards implementing the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-Sterile Preparations, many pharmacies have begun planning pharmacy renovations. The NAPRA Standards do not specify specific materials that must be used, but rather outline requirements that specific materials must meet (i.e. non-porous countertops). Pharmacy managers are responsible to read the NAPRA documents and be aware of all requirements based on the level of compounding in their pharmacy. If a pharmacy manager has questions, they should contact the Compounding Inspector at the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP).

New pharmacies must be compliant with the NAPRA compounding standards PRIOR to opening. It is strongly advised that construction on new pharmacies does not begin prior to the schematics receiving approval from the Field Officer, as it is likely that there may need to be changes made to the plans to meet compliance. As with any other bylaw or standard, the onus is on the pharmacy manager and the member to ensure they are in compliance with the NAPRA standards.

All communications and questions should come directly from the pharmacy manager to ensure they understand the standards and they are confident the requirements have been met for the pharmacy they will be managing. This is an important part of professionalism and professional autonomy and as such, the College does not support speaking with contractors in place of the pharmacy manager to explain the required standards.

Pharmacy Assistants and Compounding

The implementation of the NAPRA Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding does not change the scope of practice for pharmacy assistants. Pharmacy assistants can still perform compounding activities for non-sterile non-hazardous preparations once they have been appropriately trained and their competencies have been assessed. The training and assessment must be properly documented in the employee file.

The pharmacy assistant's primary role is to provide support to both the pharmacist and pharmacy technician in carrying out the technical functions of the dispensing process. Their duties are somewhat similar to that of the pharmacy technician with the exception that an assistant works under the direct supervision of a pharmacist or pharmacy technician and they are not authorized to check the work of any other individuals within the pharmacy practice setting, nor accept accountability for their actions.

See link to: [Licensed Pharmacy Technician Scope of Practice](#)

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April 4, 2020

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May 9, 2020

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Deadline for Compounding Compliance Extended

NAPRA is currently in the process of developing compounding competencies which will be used to support training and education based on the identified competencies. As these competencies and education may provide additional support to members with the implementation of the compounding standards, SCPP Council has approved the recommendation from the Compounding Inspector to extend the deadline for full compliance and implementation of the standards to December 31, 2021.

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