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PCAB Collaborates on Consensus Statement on Handling of Hazardous Drugs per USP Chapter <800>

Cary, NC- Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB), a service of Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), has collaborated with industry leaders to develop a consensus statement on the handling of hazardous drugs per USP Chapter <800> guidelines. PCAB joined with the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) to create a Hazardous Drug Consensus Group (HDCG) last year. A number of experts with extensive experience in the handling of hazardous drugs (HDs) from a wide range of backgrounds participated in the effort.

This group was charged with the development of a Hazardous Drug Consensus Statement (HDCS) to:

- Create concise summaries of key topics concerning HDs that are based on the knowledge and expertise of the HDCG members listed below.
- Provide concrete best practice recommendations (BPRs)
- Help the reader understand what is REQUIRED by <800> ("MUSTs") versus what is only SUGGESTED ("SHOULDs"). (Such items are always presented in caps.)
- Point out those aspects of <800> most likely to require the most significant changes and/or cost.
- Ask (and answer) key questions that have generated significant interest.
- Use tables and graphics when helpful to simplify and summarize information.

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"PCAB is aware that pharmacies remain unclear on the interpretation of many aspects of the USP <800> chapter," said Jon Pritchett, Pharm.D., RPh. "I believe the consensus statement will help pharmacies better understand the guidelines. PCAB is evaluating the implication of USP <800> on our accreditation standards and is working towards a solution that recognizes the accomplishment of pharmacies that choose to become USP <800> compliant in the near term without imposing those requirements on pharmacies that choose a longer timetable for implementation."

The 100+ page HDCS document with risk assessment templates and a USP <800> Preparation Checklist may be downloaded free of charge from the USP Compliance section of the Compounding Today website: CompoundingToday.com.

With a broad and extensive array of pharmacy compliance solutions, including programs for sterile and non-sterile compounding, infusion, specialty, and long term care pharmacy services, ACHC is positioned to be the solution of choice for the industry. Beginning July 2014, PCAB became a service of ACHC, offering programs for non-sterile (ref. USP <795>) and sterile (ref. USP <797>) compounding services. PCAB assesses the compounding process based on a



specific set of standards that concentrate on the quality and consistency of compounded medications while incorporating performance improvement and ongoing compliance requirements. AIS Inspections provide a customizable compliance solution for boards of pharmacy, including a thorough review of compounding practices as they relate to USP <795> and USP <797>.

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