

# The Pharmacy Compounding Professional's Code of Ethics

*Responsibilities to One's Patients, Self, Colleagues, and Profession*

**As a pharmacy compounding professional, I will:**

1. Uphold the triad relationship — patient, prescriber and pharmacist — as the foundation of pharmacy practice, acting in patients' best interest by collaborating with patients, their caregivers, and other healthcare professionals to manage a patient's treatment.
2. Comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
3. Practice the art and science of pharmacy compounding with competence and integrity, assuring patient safety and the quality of compounds, maintaining accurate records, and utilizing the proper compounding facilities, equipment, and materials in compounding for the benefit of patients.
4. Recognize the limits of my own expertise, practice only if I am fit and competent to do so and refer to colleagues on issues beyond my knowledge and skill.
5. Continually improve the quality of my work by keeping my knowledge and skills up to date via continuing education that enhances my practice.
6. Assist my healthcare colleagues, sharing information and ideas both to serve the best interests of the patient and to enhance our individual skills.
7. Provide care to my patients without discriminating on the basis of age, race, color, nationality, religion, gender, or disability.
8. In instances in which I may have a conscientious objection to providing a compounded medication, ensure that patients are promptly referred to an alternate pharmacy compounding professional who will provide the prescribed medication to the patient.
9. Assure the credibility of the pharmacy compounding profession by avoiding conflicts of interest and not engaging in business practices that are detrimental to the patient, my colleagues, or my profession.
10. Be an ambassador for pharmacy compounding, advancing my profession not only by demonstrating the highest ethical behavior but also by advocating for pharmacy compounding to patients, policymakers, news media, and others in my community.



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