Compounding pharmacists have a special knowledge and expertise. No other health care professional is trained in the preparation of drug products. In recognition of the compounding pharmacist’s role in affecting quality medical care, this Code of Ethics is designed to recognize the prominence of the compounding pharmacists and to advocate acceptance of a personal obligation to the highest ethical and professional standards.

The Code of Ethics of the Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding, formerly IACP, establishes minimum standards of conduct and may change to address ethical problems that arise due to advancing knowledge, technology, and legal and regulatory changes.

Responsibilities to the profession, patients and colleagues

As a compounding pharmacist, compounding technician or compounding pharmacy owner, I will:

- Uphold the triad relationship-patient, prescriber and pharmacist as a basis for pharmacy practice.
- Operate in conformance with applicable state and federal laws.
- Practice and the Art of compounding pharmacy with competence and integrity.
- Seek continuing education that enhances my practice.
- Accept responsibility to advance the profession of pharmacy and practice of compounding by participating in properly developed educational programs, research projects, seminars, teaching opportunities, lectures and publications.
- Accept responsibility to advance the profession of pharmacy and practice of compounding by taking leadership positions with the state association, licensing authority, college of pharmacy, national pharmacy organization or other organizations having for their objective the betterment of the profession of pharmacy.
- Willingly accept responsibility to advance the profession of pharmacy and practice of compounding by representing to lawmakers at the state and national level the policies and agendas having for their objective the betterment of the profession of pharmacy.
- Share ideas and information with colleagues and assist them in their professional development.
- Make compounded medications available to all patients and not deny service based on race, religion, gender, disability, age or ethnicity.
- Not engage in practices that are detrimental to the practice of compounding or my colleagues.
- Not engage in marketing or promotional practices that violate federal or state law.

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