

# How To Choose A Compounding Pharmacy

Selecting a compounding pharmacy that meets your needs is as important as selecting your physician. When initially selecting a compounding pharmacy you might want to use the following check list:

Question	Partners In Care Compounding Pharmacy	Other Compounding Pharmacy
Years in Business	26 years	
Is the pharmacy totally dedicated to compounding?	Yes	
Is the pharmacy compliant with USP <795> for non-sterile drugs?	Yes	
Are the balances calibrated every day?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy purchase pharmaceutical-grade Chemicals (USP, NF equivalent) from FDA-registered suppliers?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy obtain and maintain Certificates of Analyses for all compounding ingredients?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy maintain both master formulas and lot-specific records for all compounds?	Yes	
Can the pharmacy trace a prescription back to the original formula worksheet and the source of each ingredient?	Yes	
Are chemical weights electronically matched to the weights in the formula for accuracy then recorded on the formula worksheet?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy verify the potency of finished compounds through weight, volume and yield checks?	Yes	
Are all compounding pharmacists trained in compounding at Professional Compounding Centers of America?	Yes	
Are all compounding pharmacy technicians trained in compounding and advanced sterile compounding at Professional Compounding Centers of America?	Yes	
Does the staff participate in continuing compounding education programs?	Yes	
Is the pharmacy compliant with the USP <797> regulations for sterile Compounding?	Yes	

Does the pharmacy have an independent 3 <sup>rd</sup> party lab perform potency, sterility, and endotoxin analysis on sterile compounds?	Yes	
Are larger batches of sterile compounds quarantined until the lab report is received in the pharmacy?	Yes	
To achieve sterility, does the pharmacy filter (0.2 micron) in an Iso-Class 5 air-flow hood contained in an Iso-Class 7 (or better) clean room?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy perform post-filtration filter integrity testing?	Yes	
When filtration is not appropriate, does the pharmacy terminally sterilize via autoclave or dry heat to achieve sterility?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy conduct routine lab test of air and surface samples in your clean room and other controlled environments?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy obtain independent, routine certifications of the clean room and laminar flow hoods?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy obtain 3 <sup>rd</sup> party routine scheduled cleaning and certification of balances?	Yes	
Does the pharmacy spend time educating patients on the appropriate use of their compounded prescriptions and answer their questions in a professional, compassionate manner?	Yes	

