

# Revisions to USP Chapter <797> Examining Sterile Compounding Practices

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## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

USP Chapter <797> *Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations* provides practice and quality standards for compounded sterile preparations of drugs and nutrients. Pharmacists need guidance on the recent 2007 revisions of USP Chapter <797> to keep informed of these changes and to achieve compliance with other professional standards for compounding sterile preparations. Patient safety is the principal focus of USP Chapter <797>, however, costs and operational practicality are also concerns. The USP Sterile Compounding Expert Committee, during the revision process, reviewed 2500 pages of comments from over 300 participants including hospitals, professional associations, vendors, stakeholders, and individual practitioners.

State board of pharmacy regulations, accreditation organization standards, and recommendations of other organizations for compounding sterile preparations are based on USP requirements. This program will educate pharmacists on the process of the USP Sterile Compounding Expert Committee, and the December 2007 revised USP Chapter <797> standards.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

At the conclusion of this program, participants should be able to:

- Outline recent revisions of USP Chapter <797> requirements and explain the process of the USP Sterile Compounding Expert Committee.
  - Explain the implications for pharmacists of changes in USP chapter <797> standards.
  - Describe five principal new sections of USP Chapter <797> and their importance in compounding sterile preparations.
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