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Proposed Legislation to Restrict Compounded Medications

The Safe Drug Compounding Act of 2007 draft has raised concern within the healthcare community.

Compounding is an essential component of pharmacy, which allows physicians and pharmacists to collaborate, provide care in the best interest of the patient, and meet individual patient needs. The pharmacy compounding proposal, ideally, will protect patient safety. However, pharmacy organizations are uneasy with the proposed changes and feel that they will negatively affect patient care and degrade the constructive changes, in which, the State Board of Pharmacy and US Pharmacopeia have taken to improve pharmacy compounding practice.

A response from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) to the senate states, "While your efforts to address inappropriate compounding are well intended, the proposal may do little to prevent inappropriate compounding while adversely effecting appropriate pharmacy compounding. We are very concerned with any dilution of State Board of Pharmacy authority and with requirements that may negatively impact access to legitimate and appropriate compounded products."

Issues include:

Giving the FDA authority to determine when compounded medications are needed.

Requiring physicians to document when compounded medications are needed. (Ultimately, this may lead to restricting off-labeled use of medication.)

Removing the current State Board of Pharmacy authority and well-established laws and regulation and allowing a federal agency to replace it. (State Boards of Medicine regulate medical practice, and the State Board of Pharmacy regulations should be preserved. This law may also restrict the use of compounded medication for office use.)

Restricting the distribution of compounded medications. (This may endanger patients served

near state borders or patients whose hometown pharmacies continue to serve them during winter months, "snowbirds".)

Taking the FDA away from other obligations. (FDA should stay focused on the backlog of manufactured drugs pending approval, etc.)

Altogether, these are several reasons why pharmacy organizations are strongly in dispute with the senate to reconsider the proposed legislation.

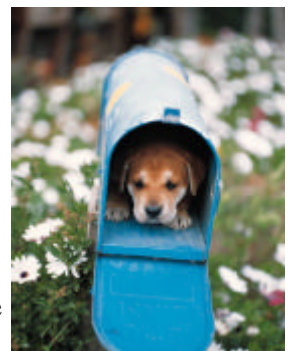
Please log on to the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists website and voice your concerns. You can access their website by [clicking here](#). We thank you for your part in saving the future of compounding pharmacy.

Veterinary corner

Do you enjoy going to the park, hiking, or camping with your pet? These great companions have shown to improve your blood pressure, cholesterol, and mood. With warm weather fast approaching, they also increase the opportunity for exercise, outdoor activities, and socialization. With all the benefits your pet has for you, we want to ensure your pet is getting the proper protection against warm weather parasites.

Warm weather and outdoor activities bring an ideal environment for fleas and ticks. The most common symptoms that your pet may have fleas are biting and scratching on the lower back, tail, and abdomen.

There are many options for flea control and prevention, including, shampoos, sprays, dips, topical medications, and collars. Tick removal may be difficult and lead to infection if proper technique is not used.





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In addition to being an irritating parasite for your pet, ticks may also carry diseases such as Lyme disease and fleas may transmit tapeworm. Many prevention products, such as FrontLine Plus, may put a stop to both parasites. Speak with your veterinarian for proper removal and prevention of fleas and ticks.

Women's health – Are topical hormones safer than the pill for menopause?

After the 2002 Women's Health Initiative study, reporting a higher incidence of stroke and breast cancer in women taking estrogen, many women were skeptical of taking hormone replacement to treat symptoms of menopause. Since then, researchers have been investigating the cardiovascular disease risk associated with the type of estrogen/progestin, dose, and/or dosage form of hormone replacement therapy (HRT).

A recently published French study, the Estrogen and Thromboembolism Risk (ESTHER) study, provides evidence that the route of administration and type of HRT may be important factors correlating HRT and cardiovascular risks. This large scaled multicenter study, presents data in which patients taking oral and nonpregnane derivative progestin's HRT are four times more likely to have a venous thromboembolism (VTE). In this study, there was no risk increase in patients taking transdermal hormone replacement or micronized progestin. Additionally, other observational studies have shown an increased risk of VTE in patients taking higher dose HRT.

Presently, the ESTHER study provides the strongest data relating cardiovascular disease risk with the type and form of HRT. A large study currently underway, the Kronos Early Estrogen Prevention Study (KEEPS), will hopefully, help confirm the ESTHER

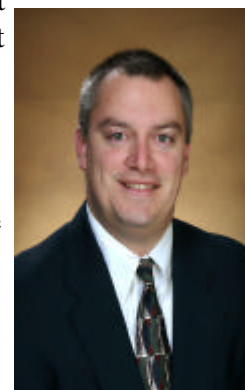
evidence. Further large-scale trials are necessary to provide sufficient evidence, and until then, the route, type, and dose of HRT should be taken into consideration.

Q & A With Kenny Walkup, RPh

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your time away from the pharmacy?

A: I am an all-around outdoor enthusiast. I like to do most things that take me outside. Some of my favorites are mountain biking, camping and fishing. I began fly-fishing about 8 years ago and would prefer to be out in a boat fishing than just about any other activity. My eight year old daughter also enjoys fishing (when she catches fish). She has become my number one fishing partner. Now, if I can just get her to take her own fish off the hook I will have it made.

I am also an avid sports fan. I enjoy playing most sports and especially like watching my Ohio State Buckeyes and Detroit Tigers. There is not much like a big win by your favorite team!



The demands of modern compounding have led to the creation of pharmacies devoted solely to this art. Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy has been serving your community for over seven years. Here we spe-

cialize in bio-identical hormone replacement therapies and veterinary medicine, to name a few. We have all the facilities and equipment needed to make anything from topicals to capsules and sterile injectables. We do not ac-

cept insurance, but do provide claim forms with prescriptions we fill. So, next time a patient wants a compound you're unsure of - we'd be happy to serve them!

