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Veterinary Corner Viagra®...For Your Dog?

Yes, sildenafil (Viagra®) for your dog! The same drug used to treat erectile dysfunction in men has shown that it can also treat Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) in dogs.



PAH is defined as an increase in blood pressure in the pulmonary system and in dogs is the most common type of pulmonary hypertension. It is commonly caused by heartworm infection.

The use of sildenafil offers the chance to target the therapy to cause vasodilation - relaxation of the blood vessels causing them to dilate - specific to the vessels of the lungs.

There have been a few published reports showing the efficacy of this treatment. If you wish to have references please contact me and I would be happy to share them with you.

An interesting side note is that sildenafil is also currently being used to treat pulmonary hypertension in young children. And yes, we are compounding it!

Updates and Changes to Our Website

In an effort to keep our patients as informed about our pharmacy as possible, we frequently make updates to our website. I'd like to draw your attention to two of the changes we recently made.

The first change was made on the Calendar of Events page, where we post dates and details of current and future seminars. Now you can register for the events online. Just follow the link to register and tell us

how many will be coming with you. You will receive a confirmation email once we receive your registration.

The second and much less exciting update was on our refills pages. You will notice there that we have updated the prices to reflect the new postage rates that are effective May 14th.

Q & A with Kenny Walkup, RPh

Q: Where do the ideas come from that are written about in the newsletters?

A. The newsletters are actually written by my pharmacy students. I am blessed to be an adjunct clinical faculty for both colleges of pharmacy at the University of Michigan and my alma mater, Ohio Northern University. In a pharmacy student's last year of school they are required to do clinical rotations. These rotations give the student real life experience in various pharmacy settings.



At Specialty Medicine they learn about pharmacy compounding and how it impacts my patients. As part of their required time here at Specialty Medicine, they are required to do research on current topics in women's or men's health and veterinary medication. They submit their ideas to me for approval and then write the articles that appear in this newsletter.

Please email your questions for Kenny to kenny@specialty-medicine.com.

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 specialize 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. Next time that you have a question about a compounded medication, please call our pharmacy staff at 248-446-2643.