

## **APC POSITION ON COMPOUNDING OF LETHAL INJECTION DRUGS**

### *Board Discourages Practice Among Members*

*As drug manufacturers have stopped production of drugs for lethal injection, and as states increasingly look to compounding pharmacies for such drugs, the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding has adopted a position on the issue. Below is the statement from the Board.*

“While the pharmacy profession recognizes an individual practitioner's right to determine whether to dispense a medication based upon his or her personal, ethical and religious beliefs, APC discourages its members from participating in the preparation, dispensing, or distribution of compounded medications for use in legally authorized executions.

“The issue of compounded preparations being used in the execution of prisoners sentenced to capital punishment continues to be a topic of significant interest. It is important to first understand the origin of this issue: states are turning to compounded preparations for this purpose because the companies that manufacture the products traditionally used have unilaterally decided to stop selling them for use in executions. APC believes that a national discussion needs to be conducted on whether a pharmaceutical manufacturer can restrict the use of FDA-approved products only to purposes that adhere to their corporate values.”

### **About the Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding**

*The Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding is the voice for pharmacy compounding, representing compounding pharmacists and technicians in both 503A and 503B settings, as well as prescribers, educators, researchers, and suppliers.*

*In traditional compounding, pharmacists create a customized medication, most often from pure ingredients, for an individual patient pursuant to a prescription. Pharmacists' ability to compound medications from pure ingredients is authorized in federal law and for good reason: Manufactured drugs don't come in strengths and dosage forms that are right for everyone, and prescribers need to be able to prescribe customized medications when, in their judgment, a manufactured drug is not the best course of therapy for a human or animal patient.*

*Every day, APC members play a critical role in patients' lives, preparing essential, custom medications for a range of health conditions, including autism, oncology, dermatology, ophthalmology, pediatrics, women's health, animal health, and others.*

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