The Inspection Process for Pharmacies Compounding Sterile Preparations (CSPs)

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Learning Objectives

At the completion of this presentation, the participant will be able to:

- Review the timeline of the regulations in Texas regarding compounded sterile preparations (CSPs)
- Understand the purpose of TSBP rules for pharmacies preparing CSPs
- Explain TSBP procedures for inspecting pharmacies preparing CSPs
- Discuss the laws that allow TSBP to inspect pharmacies and to collect samples of CSPs during the inspection
- Describe the process of collecting samples by TSBP staff
- Identify violations that have occurred in pharmacies compounding sterile preparations

Timeline of the Regulation of CSPs in Texas

1981 – The passage of House Bill 1628, established The Texas Pharmacy Act, effective January 1, 1982. Among the multitude of amendments, was the establishment of four classes of pharmacy, including the Class C Institutional Pharmacy.

1982 – The Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) adopts new sections for Class C Institutional Pharmacy, which include brief sections pertaining to the preparation of “IV Admixtures.”

1987 – TSBP establishes an Advisory Committed on Sterile Products to study trends and advancements in the field and to make recommendations to the Board.
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1960s – TSBP adopts a new section entitled “Class A Pharmacies Dispensing Compounded Sterile Parenteral and/or Enteral Products”. Revisions also made to the “IV Admixtures” section of rules for Institutional Pharmacies.

1991 – TSBP extensively revises and replaces existing rules regarding sterile compounding. Class A section re-titled “Class A Pharmacies Compounding Sterile Pharmaceuticals.”

1995 – TSBP adopts new amendments to both Community and Institutional Pharmacy Rules, making the requirements for the preparation of sterile pharmaceuticals the same for both classes of pharmacy, including specific requirements for training.

2002 – TSBP establishes the first of three Task Forces on Sterile Compounding to study trends and advancements in the field, and to make recommendations to the Board regarding sterile compounding.

2004 – TSBP adopts Section 291.26 entitled “Pharmacies Compounding Sterile Pharmaceuticals”, which includes definitions and abundant language found in the United States Pharmacopeia’s General Chapter <797>.

2005 – TSBP establishes a second Task Force on Sterile Compounding to provide new recommendations to the Board largely based on the recently revised USP General Chapter <797>.

2007 – TSBP adopts new Section 291.133, entitled “Pharmacies Compounding Sterile Preparations”, which includes many of the recommendations presented by the Task Force on Sterile Compounding.

2013 – TSBP amends Section 291.133 to implement recommendations of a third TSBP appointed Task Force on Compounding, incorporate additional provisions included in the USP General Chapter <797>, and implement Senate Bill 1100 passed during the 83rd Session of the Texas Legislature.
Three New Classes of Pharmacy Established 12/10/13

- Classes of Pharmacy
  - A – Community
  - B – Nuclear
  - C – Institutional
  - D – Clinic
  - E – Non-Resident
  - F – FEMCC
  - G – Call Center
  - H – Limited Prescription

- New “S” Classes
  - A-S
  - C-S
  - E-S

Key Points of SB 1100 (2013) & TSBP Adopted Rules Rank Changes

- Gave TSBP authority to inspect Class E pharmacies and requires the pharmacy to pay all costs associated with the inspection
- Requires an inspection prior to opening a pharmacy that compounds sterile preparations
- Requires an inspection before the license can be renewed
- New “-S” designation allows TSBP to know which pharmacies compound sterile preparations and maintain a database of both in-state and out-of-state pharmacies compounding CSPs

Timeline of the Regulation of CSPs in Texas

2014 – TSBP amends Section 291.133 to clarify the training requirements for pharmacy technicians in American Society of Health-System Pharmacists accredited programs, and to clarify the placement of primary engineering control devices.

2015 – TSBP amends Section 291.133 to clarify in-process and final checks for CSPs; the evaluation of aseptic technique procedures; requirements for media-fill tests for the most challenging or stressful conditions; and to update requirements to be consistent with USP 797 requirements, including the use of sterile gloves and sterile alcohol, and other quality assurance requirements. The Board also added a definition for “compounding personnel.”

2016 – TSBP continues to amend Section 291.133 to clarify the rules to be consistent with USP 797 requirements.
TSBP Rule §291.133
Pharmacies Compounding Sterile Preparations

Connection between Texas Pharmacy Rules & USP Chapter 797
Texas is one of at least 22 states that either:

- codifies language from USP Chapter 797 into its regulations regarding CSPs; or
- harmonizes statements found in USP Chapter 797 within its regulations regarding CSPs

Purpose of §291.133
The purpose of this section is to provide standards for the:

- compounding of sterile preparations pursuant to a prescription or medication order for a patient from a practitioner in Class A-S, Class B, Class C-S, and Class E-S pharmacies;
- compounding, dispensing, and delivery of a reasonable quantity of a compounded sterile preparation in Class A-S, Class B, Class C-S, and Class E-S pharmacies to a practitioner's office for office use by the practitioner;
- compounding and distribution of compounded sterile preparations by a Class A-S pharmacy for a Class C-S pharmacy; and
- compounding of sterile preparations by a Class C-S pharmacy and the distribution of the compounded preparations to other Class C or Class C-S pharmacies under common ownership.
The Inspection Process

Part of the inspection of a Class A-S, B, or C-S pharmacy that must occur prior to license renewal

Uses a 2-page question-based inspection form that parallels TSBP Rule §291.133

Divided into 15 sections

Time required for the inspection varies based on size and compliance-level of the pharmacy

Promotes voluntary compliance

The Inspection Process

Environment
Primary Engineering Control Devices
Equipment and Supplies
Library
Personnel Cleansing and Garbing
Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures
Environmental Sampling
Records of Compounded Sterile Preparations
General Operational Requirements
Quality Control and Verification of Compounding Accuracy
Label
Training and Competency

The Inspection Process

If applicable,
High-risk Sterile Preparations
Hazardous Sterile Preparations
Compounding for Office Use
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Environment

Cleanroom includes:
• Buffer Area
• Ante-Area
• Primary Engineering Control Device(s)

ISO Classification

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Environment – Clean Room Layout
Environment

Is the cleanroom...

- free of objects that shed particles?
- contain only appropriate supplies?
- used only for sterile preparations?

Environment

Does the ante-area...

- provide at least ISO Class 8 conditions?
- contain a hands-free sink?

Does the buffer area...

- provide at least ISO Class 7 conditions?
- free from sources of water?
- have hands-free access?

Environment

- Are floors, walls, ceilings, and fixtures smooth, impervious, and free from cracks and crevices?
- Does the floor enable regular disinfection?
- Are supplies stored above the floor?
Environment

Does the cleanroom have a pressure gauge to monitor pressure differential
- between the buffer area and ante-area?
- between the ante-area and the general environment?

Is the pressure differential monitored and documented (at least daily)?

Primary Engineering Control (PEC) Devices

Types of PECs
- Laminar air flow hood (LAFH)
- Biological safety cabinet (BSC)
- Containment aseptic isolator (CAI)
- Compounding aseptic containment isolator (CACI)

Primary Engineering Control (PEC) Devices

LAFH
- Located in buffer area with a positive pressure differential of at least 0.02 inches water column
- Maintains at least ISO Class 5 conditions
Primary Engineering Control (PEC) Devices

CAI/CACI
• Provide unidirectional flow
• Located in an ISO class 7 buffer area OR maintain documentation from manufacturer
• If used for high risk compounding, placed in at least an ISO Class 8 area

Primary Engineering Control (PEC) Devices

BSC/CACI
• For hazardous drugs
• Located in an ISO Class 7 area that is physically separated (except for low volume preparation)
• Maintain a negative pressure of not less than 0.01 inches water column from adjacent positive pressure area

Primary Engineering Control Devices

• Are certified by an independent contractor every 6 months and when relocated?
• Have pre-filters that are inspected and replaced as needed periodically?
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Equipment and Supplies

Does the pharmacy have . . .

- Disposable needles, syringes and other applicable supplies?
- Lint-free towels/wipes or electronic hand dryer appropriately located?
- Handwashing agents with bactericidal action including a nail cleaner?
- Appropriate garb – masks, caps, gowns with tight cuffs, shoe covers, beard covers?

Equipment and Supplies

Does the pharmacy have . . .

- Disinfectant cleaning solution(s)?
- Dedicated cleaning supplies?
- Sterile alcohol, sterile gloves and waterless alcohol-based surgical scrub with persistent activity?

Equipment and Supplies

- Does the pharmacy have . . .
  - Filters and filtration equipment?
  - Hazardous spill kit, if applicable?

- If using automated compounding devices (i.e., repeater pumps), does pharmacy staff calibrate, verify accuracy, and document calibration on a daily basis?
In addition to the references required for a Class A, Class B, or Class C pharmacy, does the pharmacy have . . .

- Current reference on injectable drugs?
- Specialty reference, if applicable?
- USP chapters – 71, 85, 795, 797, 1163 and others if applicable (e.g., USP 800)?

Personnel Cleansing, Garbing and Hand Hygiene

Do personnel . . .

- Perform hand sanitizing and gowning occur outside of the buffer area (in the ante-area)?
- Perform appropriate hand hygiene?
- Not wear cosmetics, jewelry, artificial nails, or have illness/open lesions?
- Use a nail cleaner during hand hygiene?
- Appropriately re-don garb?

Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures

Does the pharmacy . . .

- Have written procedures regarding cleaning/disinfecting of the direct compounding area by trained personnel using an approved agent?
- Perform appropriate daily and monthly cleaning?
- Document cleaning?
- Are supplies wiped with a disinfecting agent prior to being brought into the clean room?
Environmental Sampling

Is surface sampling performed . . .
   - on a periodic basis?
   - in all ISO classified areas?

Is air sampling performed . . .
   - by trained individuals at least every six months?

Is there an appropriate response to sampling based on action levels?

Compounding Records

• Are records maintained for 2 years?
• Does the record include all required information?
• If batch compounding, are the master worksheets . . .
   - complete?
   - developed and approved by a pharmacist?

General Operational Requirements

• Is a pharmacist available 24/7?
• Are there written SOPs on the required topics (including recalls)?
• Are requirements met if compounding commercially available products?
• Are CSPs being dispensed to other states without proper licensure?
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Quality Control

- Does the pharmacist review all compounding records for accuracy and perform a final check of the CSP?
- Are periodic in-process checks performed as defined in the pharmacy's written procedures?
- Are drug components manufactured in an FDA-registered facility?
- Is a Certificate of Analysis available, if applicable?

Label

- Is the CSP properly labeled including . . .
  - generic name?
  - BUD?
  - "compounded by pharmacy," if applicable?
  - unique facility lot number, if compounded as a batch?
- Are CSPs assigned a BUD based on labeling for the drug, literature sources, and/or direct testing?

Training and Competency

Have all compounding personnel (pharmacist and pharmacy technician) completed the required education and training?
- ACPE-accredited course or ASHP-approved program
- On-the-job training

Is there documentation of an initial competency evaluation that includes . . .
- Observation?
- Media-fill testing?
- Gloved fingertip testing?

Is there documentation of ongoing training and testing?
### Initial vs. Ongoing Competency

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<th>Ongoing</th>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>20/40 hours of ACPE-accredited training</td>
<td>2 or 4 hours of continuing education per renewal period</td>
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<td>Observation</td>
<td>By a trained compounder</td>
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<td>Media-fill Test</td>
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<td>Gloved Fingertip Test</td>
<td>Thumb and all fingers of both hands on 3 occasions to demonstrate competence at donning garb and sterile gloves</td>
<td>Thumb and all fingers of both hands after preparing a compound or completing media fill test to demonstrate aseptic technique competency</td>
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### High-risk Sterile Preparations

- Does the buffer area provide physical separation?
- Are non-sterile measuring, mixing, and purifying devices rinsed with sterile, pyrogen-free water prior to use?
- Is sterility testing performed if . . .
  - CSPs are prepared in groups > 25?
  - MDVs are prepared for multiple patients or when exposed to > 12 hrs at 2-8 degrees C?
  - Exposed > 6 hrs at > 8 degrees C?

- Are CSPs . . .
  - Pre-filtered using no larger than a 1.2 micron filter?
  - Filtered using a sterile 0.2 to 0.22 micrometer pore size filter in at least an ISO Class 5 environment?
- Are filter integrity tests performed and documented?
- Are pre-sterilization procedures (weighing and mixing) completed in an ISO 8 or better environment?
Hazardous Sterile Preparations

Does the pharmacy have . . .

- protective apparel?
- safety and containment techniques?
- appropriate waste disposal?
- appropriate labeling?
- pressure indicator to readily monitor room pressurization?

Are hazardous drugs stored separately?

Compounding for Office Use

- Does the pharmacy have a written agreement with the prescriber that meets all requirements?
- If the pharmacy is distributing to another pharmacy, are the specified requirements met?

Examples of Commonly Seen Violations

Environment
- Objects that shed particles in the cleanroom – cardboard, exposed particle board, chipped paint
- Cracks and crevices – outlets not sealed, linoleum separating from wall, cracks in linoleum
- Sink is not hands-free
- Access to buffer area is not hands-free
- Certification of ISO classified areas are > 6 months

Environmental Sampling
- Air sampling was not done
- Surface sampling was not done, or not done in all ISO classified areas
- No response to reported growth on air sampling
Examples of Commonly Seen Violations

Personnel Cleansing and Garbing
- Inappropriate hand hygiene (not to elbows, no nail cleaner)
- Inappropriate donning of garb (order, placement)
- Inappropriate re-donning of garb

Training and Competency
- Lack of education/training documentation
- Improper initial gloved fingertip testing

Library
- Lack of access to all required USP chapters
- Out-of-date reference on injectable drugs

Equipment/Supplies
- Lack of sterile gloves, sterile alcohol, or alcohol-based surgical scrub
- Incomplete policies, required SOPs including recalls, in-process checks

Violations Resulting in a Referral to the Legal Division
- Pharmacies compounding sterile preparations without proper licensure (e.g., Class C who should have a Class C-S pharmacy license)
- Pharmacies posing a continuing threat, such as
  - Sterile compounding pharmacies who have extensive non-compliance with TSBP Rule 291.133 and will not voluntarily agree to "cease and desist" sterile compounding until conditions have been corrected.

Sampling and Testing of CSPs
Texas Pharmacy Act Section 556.01

Gives TSBP authority to enter and inspect a licensed pharmacy including:
- Drug storage and security
- Equipment
- Components used in compounding, finished and unfinished products, containers and labeling of any item
- Sanitary conditions
- Records, reports, or other required documents

Classes of Pharmacies Licensed by TSBP

Class A and A-S (Community)
Class B (Nuclear)
Class C and C-S (Institutional)
Class D (Clinic)
Class E and E-S (Non-resident)
Class F (Freestanding Emergency Medical Care Facility)
Class G (Central Prescription Drug or Medication Order Processing)
Class H (Limited Prescription Delivery)

Licensed Pharmacies that do not Compound Sterile Preparations

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<td>6,949 pharmacies that do not compound sterile preparations</td>
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* as of 08/31/2015
Licensed Pharmacies that Compound Sterile Preparations

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<td><strong>965 pharmacies compound sterile preparations</strong></td>
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*as of 08/31/2015

Sample Collection

- Samples are collected during inspections
- Sent to Analytical Research Laboratories (ARL)
- Analysis/Testing of the sample is paid by TSBP
- TSBP does not pay the pharmacy for the cost of the drug

Testing of Samples

Samples of compounded preparations are analyzed for:
- Potency (began in 2008)
- Sterility (began in 2008)
- Endotoxin (began in 2008)
- Fungal (began Sept 1, 2012)
Sampling Process

- TSBP budget includes cost of packaging supplies for shipping compounded preparations to lab and shipping costs to lab
- Forms
  - Sample Collection Form
  - Chain of Custody Form
- Shipped via Fed Ex
- Arrives at Analytical Research Labs where sample is processed
- Certificate of Analysis and Microbiology report received at TSBP after 14 days

Sample Collection Form

Chain of Custody Form
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Sampling Process

- Lab Results submitted directly to TSBP
- If sample passes testing - TSBP notifies pharmacy by letter
- If sample fails potency testing – TSBP sends letter requiring written response by pharmacist-in-charge

Process relating to Potency Failures

Written response to address:
- Initiate recall if part of a batch
- Discuss potential cause(s) of error
- Changes implemented at the pharmacy
- Submit passing sample potency results of second sample (preferably same drug) from independent lab of choice
- Imposes 60 day due date of written response to TSBP

Process relating to Potency Failures

- TSBP re-inspects in-state pharmacy to collect a second sample.
- If second sample fails potency, pharmacy is referred to TSBP Legal Division for consideration of disciplinary action
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**Failure of Sterility/Fungal testing**

- TSBP requests microbiology identification of specific bacteria/fungi by ARL
- TSBP requests the pharmacy to discontinue sterile compounding
- If the pharmacy does not agree, TSBP would consider an emergency suspension hearing

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**Summary of Texas Compounded Sample Testing Program**

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* Nasal preparation
** Fungal Testing began in FY2013

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**Classes and Types of Compounded Samples Collected on Inspection FY2016**

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Results of Samples Collected during Inspections in FY2016

197 samples collected in FY2016 by TSBP inspectors/vendor contract inspectors
- 134 samples TX pharmacies (13% failure rate)
  • 18 Potency failures
  • 0 Sterility/Fungal failures
- 63 samples non-resident pharmacies (11% failure rate)
  • 6 potency failures
  • 1 Sterility failure
  • 0 Fungal failures

TSBP Website
www.pharmacy.texas.gov

Question & Answer Session
Thanks for your attendance!