Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners, Pharmacy Managers, Pharmacy Owners/Owner Representatives

From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists

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Re: Standards of Practice: Non-Sterile Compounding

The NSCP has established Standards of Practice: Non-Sterile Compounding that are effective March 1, 2023. A two-year implementation timeline was established in recognition that complying with some of these requirements will take time. However, it is important that pharmacy practitioners, managers and owners review these Standards now and begin practicing in accordance with these best practices at the earliest opportunity.

The Standards of Practice: Non-Sterile Compounding were developed with broad consultation from compounding experts and pharmacy practitioners and have been informed by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authority’s Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-Sterile Preparations and the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) General Chapters 795 and 800.

The incorporation of these Standards into routine practice will require thoughtful consideration and may require some practitioners to complete self-directed learning in specific areas. To support pharmacy owners and pharmacy practitioners in understanding how to incorporate these standards into practice, the NSCP has developed a companion document Considerations for the Evaluation of the Compounding Practice Environment. Pharmacies requiring renovations must, at a minimum, have a plan in place by March 1, 2023 that will ensure completion of any renovations by September 1, 2023.

The NSCP will be hosting a webinar in 2021 to provide an overview of the Standards and answer questions. More information on the webinar will be shared when available.