

**WAC 246-878-030 Organization and personnel.** (1) The pharmacist has the responsibility and authority to inspect and approve or reject all components, drug product containers, closures, in-process materials, and labeling; and the authority to prepare and review all compounding records to assure that no errors have occurred in the compounding process. The pharmacist is also responsible for the proper maintenance, cleanliness, and use of all equipment used in prescription compounding practice.

(2) Pharmacists who engage in drug compounding, and level A pharmacy assistants, supervised by pharmacists, who assist in drug compounding, shall be competent and proficient in compounding and shall maintain that proficiency through current awareness and training. Every pharmacist who engages in drug compounding and any level A pharmacy assistant who assists in compounding, must be aware of and familiar with all details of these good compounding practices.

(3) Pharmacy personnel engaged in the compounding of drugs shall wear clean clothing appropriate to the operation being performed. Protective apparel, such as coats/jackets, aprons, gowns, hand or arm coverings, or masks shall be worn as necessary to protect personnel from chemical exposure and drug products from contamination.

(4) Only personnel authorized by the responsible pharmacist shall be in the immediate vicinity of the drug compounding operation. Any person shown at any time (either by medical examination or pharmacist determination) to have an apparent illness or open lesions that may adversely affect the safety or quality of a drug product being compounded shall be excluded from direct contact with components, drug product containers, closures, in-process materials, and drug products until the condition is corrected or determined by competent medical personnel not to jeopardize the safety or quality of the products being compounded. All personnel who assist the pharmacist in compounding procedures shall be instructed to report to the pharmacist any health conditions that may have an adverse effect on drug products.

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