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IWK Compounding Web Resource-Message from the Pharmacy Department

The IWK Pharmacy department maintains a webpage resource that includes non-sterile compounding formulas for selected oral and topical medications. The webpage address is

<http://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/page/iwk-compounding-formulas>

This resource was developed to support community pharmacists with information on the most common non-sterile and oral and topical formulations prepared by the IWK Pharmacy for inpatient use. While the information on the webpage was developed for IWK's purposes, we recognize the site is an important resource in support of standardized concentrations and continuity of care.

MISSION

Regulating the practice of pharmacy in the province so as to promote a high standard and safeguard the welfare of the public with regard to pharmaceutical service.

The contents of the webpage are continuously being reviewed and updated. There have been *many recent revisions* as new DRAFT standards (e.g. NAPRA Non-Sterile Compounding Standards) and new stability studies are published and considered. In light of this, we want to provide **recommendations** to community pharmacists on the most appropriate use of the webpage:

- Do not use a search engine such as Google to locate an IWK compounding formula. While efforts have been made to reduce the likelihood of getting our formulas using a web search we can not guarantee that the search results will yield our current formula.
 - Pharmacies are encouraged instead to bookmark the webpage for reference and look for a formula on the webpage itself. <http://www.iwk.nshealth.ca/page/iwk-compounding-formulas>
- Do not print IWK formulas hard copies for ongoing use or hard code an IWK formula into a pharmacy system. The formulas are constantly changing. Many formulas have also been removed/deleted.

CE credits for CPR and First Aid

The PEI College of Pharmacists allows members to claim a maximum of 6 CEUs per year for obtaining CPR and First Aid Certification/Recertification. When entering the activity into the online Professional Development Log in the member portal, please enter CPR(year) as the accreditation number and a maximum of 6 CEUs.

Once a member has recertified their CPR and First Aid, they are asked to upload their new certificate in the member profile where the College staff will update the expiry date in the member profile.

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- Pharmacies are encouraged to visit the webpage with every new prescription or refill for one of the IWK formulas.
- Always consider this disclaimer on the webpage prior to using a formula:
CAUTION: This information has been developed specifically for the IWK Health Centre. It is provided for informational purposes for qualified health care professionals. This material is not intended as a substitute for consulting qualified health care professionals. Patient situations will vary and some information may have become outdated as a result of more recent evidence or practice changes. The IWK Health Centre will not assume responsibility for the continued currency of the information, any errors or omissions, and/or any consequences arising from the use of the information outside of the IWK.