

SESSION: Non-Sterile Compounding Standards Implementation: Are You on the Right Track?

Date and Time:

Thursday, September 24, 2020

8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Presentation Details:

The goal of this session is to answer frequently asked questions about NLPB non-sterile compounding standards and guidelines and provide guidance for implementation, from both a regulatory and practical perspective. This should enable participants to self-assess their implementation activities and adjust their approach where necessary.

Upon completion, pharmacists should have a better understanding of:

- Why it is important for pharmacies that provide any level of compounding to focus on quality and safety improvements
- How to appropriately implement non-sterile compounding standards, including policy and procedure development, staff training, conducting and documenting risk assessments, and creating master formulation records
- Application of the NLPB Standards and Guidelines for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-Sterile Preparation (NLPB will review FAQs)

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About the presenters:

Heather Warren is the Non-Sterile Compounding Supervisor of Compounding Wellness Pharmacy. Heather graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland with a Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) in 2005 and began her career in community pharmacy at this time. Heather started working with Compounding Wellness Pharmacy over three years ago. Here she completed

further education in the field of pharmacy compounding by completing Professional Compounding Centers of America C3 course.

Heather has a special interest in topical pain management and has been able to help a great number of patients in this compounding area. Heather is currently completing a Pain Management Certificate through American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (ASHP). Heather has also attended numerous national and international seminars on pharmaceutical compounding in recent years. Heather has most recently expanded her compounding knowledge by completing Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Low and Medium Risk Sterile Compound Verification and Housekeeping Theory training.

Noelle Patten is Associate Registrar- Quality Assurance at the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board (NLPB). Noelle graduated from the Memorial University School of Pharmacy in 2006, completed a Masters in Health Management at McMaster University in 2018, and achieved a Certified Health Executive Designation with the Canadian College of Health Leaders in 2019. Noelle started her career in community pharmacy, which she enjoyed for eight years. She joined NLPB in 2014, initially as a practice advisor and moved into her current role in 2015. Her primary responsibility is development and oversight of the NLPB Quality Assurance Program, which includes practice site assessment programs for community and hospital pharmacies, and professional development requirements for registrants.

Noelle also oversees registration and licencing processes and assists with the development and implementation of regulatory standards and guidelines. In terms of non-sterile compounding, Noelle represents NLPB on the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) non-sterile and sterile compounding task forces and is NLPB's lead for implementation of the standards in pharmacies in pharmacies throughout the province.