



Compounding pharmacies, medication errors

Due to recent medication errors made by compounding pharmacies, APMA recommends that if you are purchasing medications from compounding pharmacies, you consider obtaining a letter of attestation from the compounding pharmacy accompanying the deliverance of each drug to your office. This letter of attestation would contain a statement verifying the content and concentration of the medication provided. Due to recent errors, at least one reaction was life threatening, which involved a patient who received 70 times the correct dose of atropine in capsule form directly from a compounding pharmacy. APMA is aware that there are approximately 218 drugs in short supply according to the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and this is a crisis for patients, physicians and hospitals.