# THE ART OF CHILDREN'S COMPOUNDING

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## **AGENDA**

Introduction

Compliance

- Flavours
- Dosage forms

Adaptability

- Shortages
- Unavailable commercial medications

Reliable sources

Tips and Tricks

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

#### • Flavours:

Understanding patient needs and wants. What is the child's favourite flavours, creating a flavour tasting bar for them to choose what they like. Being able to change flavour from fill to fill (which is anywhere from 14-30 days)

#### • Dosage Form:

To create better medication compliance in children using a preferred dosage form (liquid, gummies, or chocolates). Being able to adapt and change forms from fill to fill (usually 30 days)

#### • Adaptability:

Being able to have shorted or discontinued medications available for children the same day they are requested. Such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, sulfamethoxazole trimethoprim, or amoxicillin. Listening to the community on the needs that should be met for their children.

## INTRODUCTION

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- Registered Pharmacy Technician since 2013
- Owner of The Medicine Shoppe Compounding Pharmacy in Spruce Grove
- Compounding since 2016
- NAPRA compliant
- Compounding at level B

## **DISCLOSURE**

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1. I HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH PCCA CANADA

**MEMBER OF PCCA** 

MEMBER OF THE COMPOUNDING CONCERIGE GROUP

2. I AM RECEIVING A SPEAKERS FEE FROM PTSA FOR THIS PRESENTATION

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## COMPLIANCE

- Important to know your patients needs and wants
  - What flavour they like best
  - What shapes they like
  - What color is their favourite
- What have they tried in the past
  - Chocolates, gummie, liquid
- What are their limitations, parent struggles

#### **ADAPTABILITY**

- Medication shortages
  - Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, amoxicillin
- Unavailable commercial liquids
  - Sulfamethoxazole trimethoprim
  - Penicillin

## RELIABLE RESOURCES

#### Formulas

- Reliable companies that will provide formulas for a subscription fee
- Using text books, articles, journals and studies to come to your own conclusions
- NAPRA and Alberta Collage of Pharmacy compounding guidelines for stability and Beyond Use Dates

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- Important to note if will need a stable pH or buffer before creating a formula
  - Example: lansoprazole, omeprazole

#### Sertraline

• Very acidic and can create a burning sensation in patient's throat if not compounded properly

#### Beyond Use Dates:

### **TIPS AND TRICKS**

#### Flavouring

- Reflavour commercial liquids
- Flavour bar
- Flavour first then add water

#### Acacia Syrup

- Reconstitute with this instead of water
- Coats the tongue to create a barrier for bitter API

#### Chocolate Syrup

- Can use thick liquid syrup
- Powder chocolate for flavour
  - Longer Beyond Use Date if possible
  - Can use in oil based suspension

#### Improve Flavour

- Bitterness (bitter suppressor)
- Salt
- Acacia
- Sweeteners

## THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

Sources of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient

- Powder
- Injectables
- Tablet, Capsule

#### Considerations

- Salt forms
- Conversions
- Examples: tobramycin, vancomycin

## **SUMMARY**

Always have fun when creating new formulas and looking for ideas

Make sure your patients needs is always forefront

Taste everything you make (would you be able to take that 2-3 times per day for 10-14 days)

Would I serve this to my family?

## **THANK YOU**

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