

HEALTH REALLY MATTERS

Customized Medication Compounding

What are they?

- Customized medications are designed and compounded to fit a patient's specific needs.
- Your healthcare professional can request just about any type of medication.
- Your compounding pharmacist can prepare it for you.
- Many of our pharmacists are trained to make specialized preparations to meet the needs of their patients.

Why do Medicine Centre pharmacists provide this service?

- In the past, pharmacists would prepare and compound all of the medication for their patients.
- After the Industrial Revolution, many functions of the pharmacist were turned to pharmaceutical manufacturers.

- Many medications today are available in limited strengths and dosage forms.
- These limited forms may not always fit the patient's needs.

Many Medicine Centre pharmacists are trained to compound medications to meet individual needs.

- Your pharmacist has attended advanced training sessions to learn the art and science of compounding.
- They have access to recent advances in the area of compounding.
- They are part of a network of pharmacists throughout the country who provide these services.
- They have access to a support service where they can get information on specific formulas required for each patient

Commercially manufactured medication may not be for everyone.

- Compounded medications can be customized to meet your specific needs. They can:
- Change the strength of a product (for pediatric or elderly use)



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- Change the formulation (for people who may not be able to swallow pills)
- Eliminate preservatives (some are sensitive to preservatives)
- Change fillers or dyes (some have allergies to certain fillers or colouring agents)
- Add flavours (for harsh tasting medications or for children to make taking it more pleasant)

Products that can be prepared:

- Capsules
- Creams
- Dental preparations
- Ear drops
- Gels
- Lollipops
- Lozenges
- Powders
- Solutions
- Syrups
- Along with many others

Ask about formulations for your pet.

- Many of the compounding pharmacists are able to compound medications specific for a pet or animal.
- They would be happy to consult with your veterinarian to solve any problems you may encounter.

Your Medicine Centre compounding pharmacist is here to help you solve special medication problems.

Notes: