

HEALTH REALLY MATTERS

# Customized Medication Compounding

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## 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.**

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## **Notes:**