QUALITY ASSURANCE

Women’s International Pharmacy is committed to providing superior custom compounded bioidentical hormones for both men and women. Since 1985, we have filled prescriptions with precision, proficiency, and unwavering quality. We employ compounding practices as found in the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) Chapter <795> Pharmaceutical Compounding-Nonsterile Preparations.

**Qualified Staff**
Compounding is completed by skilled pharmacists and nationally certified technicians working under direct pharmacist supervision. All staff member complete regular training programs and competency assessments as required by state regulations and federal guidelines.

**State-of-the-Art Facilities and Equipment**
Specially designed facilities ensure the quality of our compounded medications and we follow all established guidelines for testing ingredients and compounds. Our lab staff uses personal protective gear (masks and gloves), as well as powder containment (ventilation hoods) and sanitized equipment. Every piece of equipment is expertly maintained.

To ensure accuracy and uniformity of compounded medications, we utilize equipment that meets established quality standards, including electronic balances, encapsulation equipment, and electronic mortars and pestles. Equipment is evaluated for accuracy on a daily basis. An independent ISO 9002 and Guide 25 Registered Scale Company conducts regular external evaluations of our balances.

**Only High-Grade Materials Used**
All materials used are high-grade materials supplied from reputable sources, and meet official established requirements. Each active ingredient is delivered with a certificate of analysis verifying the identity and quality of the pure drug powders. Independent testing of ingredients by an analytical laboratory also may be done. All waste is disposed of at Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved facilities.

**Procedural Standards**
Procedures for compounding are thoroughly reviewed prior to implementation. These procedures are then validated to ensure that the compounded medications are of the appropriate strength, quality, and purity. Procedures are regularly reviewed internally and routinely reviewed by outside analytical laboratories to validate our processes.

Each individual compound is prepared according to a standard procedure. Compounding pharmacists verify formula calculations, ingredients, and the final compounded prescriptions. The finished compound is also verified for appearance, quality, quantity, and standardization of dosing. Every prescription may be tracked back to the ingredients used to make the compound.
Continuous Quality Improvement
Maintaining the quality of our preparations is of paramount importance. Therefore, our entire staff participates in continuous quality review and improvement processes.

Accreditation
Women's International Pharmacy is proud to report earning the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board's (PCAB®) Seal of Accreditation for meeting and/or exceeding national quality and safety standards. PCAB® Accreditation is an additional, voluntary step to ensure the compounding pharmacy profession's most rigorous review and inspection measures are met.

Professional Affiliations
Women's International Pharmacy staff members belong to several organizations involved with professional pharmacy compounding, including the following:

- International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP)
- American College of Apothecaries (ACA)
- United States Pharmacopoeia (USP)
- National Association of Community Pharmacists (NACP)
- American Pharmacist’s Association (APhA)

On a local level, we maintain relationships with faculties and students at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, Midwestern University College of Pharmacy, and our state pharmacy associations, which give us valuable resources for compounding issues.

Women's International Pharmacy is committed to helping tailor medication to meet the individual needs of patients. We would be honored to become your compounding pharmacy of choice!