

Compounded Medication Disclosure

At our practice, some treatment plans may include medications prepared by a licensed compounding pharmacy.

What Is a Compounded Medication?

A compounded medication is a prescription medication that is customized by a licensed pharmacy to meet the needs of an individual patient. Compounded medications may be prescribed when a commercially available product is unavailable, in short supply, not offered in the required strength or dosage form, or when a healthcare provider determines a customized option is appropriate.

FDA Approval

Compounded medications are not reviewed or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the same manner as commercially manufactured medications. Although compounding pharmacies are regulated by state boards of pharmacy and other applicable regulatory agencies, compounded medications do not undergo the same FDA approval process as commercially available products.

Potential Benefits of Compounded Medications

- Increased access to treatment options.
- Customized dosages and formulations.
- Availability during medication shortages.
- Alternative medication forms when appropriate.
- Potential cost savings compared to some brand-name products.
- Convenient home delivery through pharmacy partners.

Potential Risks of Compounded Medications

- Side effects and adverse reactions.
- Allergic reactions or medication intolerance.
- Variations in formulation compared to commercially available products.
- Limited clinical data for certain compounded formulations.
- Insurance coverage limitations or lack of reimbursement.
- Potential differences in effectiveness between patients.

Pharmacy Choice

Patients have the right to choose the pharmacy that fills their prescription. While we may recommend or work with specific licensed pharmacies to facilitate treatment and delivery, patients are not required to use a particular pharmacy.

Cost and Insurance Coverage

Compounded medications are frequently not covered by insurance plans and may require out-of-pocket payment. Medication pricing may vary depending on the pharmacy, formulation, dosage, and shipping requirements.

No Guarantee of Results

Treatment outcomes vary among individuals. No guarantee can be made regarding the effectiveness of any medication or treatment plan. Healthcare providers will make recommendations based on available medical evidence, clinical judgment, and individual patient circumstances.

Questions

Patients are encouraged to discuss any questions regarding compounded medications, potential benefits, risks, costs, or alternative treatment options with their healthcare provider before beginning treatment.