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## **Registered Nurses (RN) Compounding Medication**

### **Position Statement**

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The Nurse Practice Act for South Carolina establishes the following for medication preparation and administration:

### **SECTION 40-33-20. Definitions.**

(4) "Administration of medications" means the acts of preparing and giving drugs in accordance with the orders of a licensed, authorized nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or a physician, dentist, or other authorized licensed provider as to drug, dosage, route, and frequency; observing, recording, and reporting desired effects, untoward reactions, and side effects of drug therapy; intervening when emergency care is required as a result of drug therapy; appropriately instructing the patient regarding the medication; recognizing accepted prescribing limits and reporting deviations to the prescribing nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, or clinical nurse specialist, physician, dentist, or other authorized licensed provider.

The South Carolina Board of Pharmacy has the following policy and procedure:

### **Sterile Compounding Policy and Procedure #137**

A facility which is permitted by the Board of Pharmacy for Sterile product compounding should meet the intent and guidelines of the USP by the permit renewal period beginning January 2006 by obtaining Accreditation from an organization approved by the Board and/or giving evidence of personnel training, facility and equipment maintenance, and product testing and validation. Policies and procedures as well as logs and other documentation should be maintained by the facility to support compliance with the level of product compounding performed. In lieu of compliance by the date above, a facility may propose a written plan of action for compliance and be subject to re-inspection on an individual basis.

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina recognizes that any RN choosing to work in a facility that requires the compounding of sterile medications should be aware of and abide by the guidelines and regulations that guide individual nursing practice in regards to compounding and administering sterile medications.