

Intravenous Therapy Services



This document was created by WA Department of Health staff to provide a high-level overview of pertinent definitions and best practices related to intravenous (IV) therapy services. This document is not exhaustive.

Best Practices Checklist (not an exhaustive list)		Helpful References
Consult and comply with your regulatory board regarding ordering, storing, and administering medications. ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>As defined in the Pharmacy Practice Act, "Compounding" means the act of combining two or more ingredients in the preparation of a prescription. Reconstitution and mixing of (a) sterile products according to federal food and drug administration-approved labeling does not constitute compounding if prepared pursuant to a prescription and administered immediately or in accordance with package labeling, and (b) nonsterile products according to federal food and drug administration-approved labeling does not constitute compounding if prepared pursuant to a prescription. RCW 18.64.011(6)</p> <p>As defined in the Pharmacy Practice Act, "Wholesaler" means a corporation, individual, or other entity which buys drugs or devices for resale and distribution to corporations, individuals, or entities other than consumers. RCW 18.64.011(38)</p> <p>FDA = U.S. Food and Drug Administration</p> <p>PQAC = the Washington State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission</p> <p>USP = the United States Pharmacopeia.</p> <p>¹Who Can Prescribe and Administer Prescriptions in Washington State Washington State Department of Health</p> <p>²See Pharmacy Commission Washington State Department of Health.</p> <p>³See WAC 246-945-015; 21 USC 353b (a) (10)</p> <p>⁴US Pharmacopeia (USP)</p> <p>⁵Hydration-Resources.pdf</p> <p>⁶Pharmaceutical waste - Washington State Department of Ecology</p> <p>⁷NABP USP Compounding Webinar Q&A Follow-up September 14 2023</p>
Determine if your provider credentials allow you to order medications under your license. ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Determine if you plan to order patient-specific medications, bulk drug products for office stock, or both.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Order patient-specific medications from a facility licensed by PQAC & authorized to compound medications, or your scope of practice allows for office-based dispensing of compounded products ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Order bulk drug products for office stock from a wholesaler licensed by PQAC & authorized to sell medications in WA. ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure the medications are appropriately labeled. ³	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handle and store compounded patient-specific medications appropriately. ^{5,7}	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contact the compounder(s) with any questions about the supplied patient-specific medications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contact the wholesaler with any questions about the supplied bulk drug products for office stock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure the medications are stored in safe and sanitary location(s). ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure the integrity of the medication's packaging is preserved. ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure no expired medications are in stock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure you have access to current copies of USP General Chapters <795> and <797>. ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If planning to compound medications on-site, learn if that is within your scope of practice. ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure you are meeting applicable quality and safety standards If you are preparing medications on-site. ^{1,5}	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure you have a way to safely and appropriately dispose of any remaining drug product following administration. ⁶	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure you have appropriate medications and supplies on hand in the event of an adverse drug event or reaction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure you are compliant with all laws and rules applicable to your practice setting. ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	