Abstract

Compounding medications is a service that pharmacists have provided since the start of the profession. Once mass manufacturing of medications started, compounding has not been something that many pharmacists do often anymore. There has, however, been an increase in demand for compounded medication in more recent years. This has caused a problem where patients want to get a prescription compounded but there are not enough pharmacies that offer compounding services. There is a lot of time and energy that is put into expanding a service offered by a pharmacy, especially with compounding services. This research project details what an independent pharmacy may need to do in order to expand the compounding services they offer to meet the demand for more compounded medications. This includes what information was needed in order to decide on what compounds to offer as well as what resources are needed to be created for the start of new compounding services.