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## **Compounding industry leaders to offer USP <800> webinars in May ACHC/PCAB join with VGM, Attentus to discuss newest standards for compounding pharmacies**

Cary, NC- Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB), a service of Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), along with Attentus Medical Sales, Inc., a pharmacy and medical products manufacturer, and VGM and Associates, a member services organization serving the home medical equipment industry, will host a series of FREE webinars to discuss the implications of recently-released hazardous drug safety standards by the United States Pharmacopeial convention--USP <800>.

"The pharmacy compounding industry is undergoing some significant regulatory changes," said José Domingos, ACHC CEO, referring specifically to the newly-released USP <800> as well as revisions to the existing standard for sterile compounding, USP <797>. "I applaud Attentus and VGM for coming forward to recognize the need and support the information needs of compounding pharmacies."

"Our home infusion and compounding pharmacies are under continuous regulatory and pricing pressures today so they are asking for direct answers and solutions for these changes to USP <800>," said Tom Tucker V.P. Sales and Marketing, Attentus Medical Sales. "We see these webinars as a way to help our pharmacies break down these changes to manageable tasks."

"VGM seeks out solutions to address challenges that its membership faces," said Frank Geiger, VGM Director Home Infusion. "USP <800> is going to be a complex change in the way business is conducted. VGM will take a leadership role in making sure our members have the information and support they need to be successful."

The webinars will feature instruction by leading industry experts:

### **Jon Pritchett, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Associate Director of Pharmacy for PCAB**

Dr. Pritchett has a diverse pharmacy background, most recently as Pharmacy Manager of a PCAB-accredited compounding pharmacy. During this time, he specialized in sterile and non-sterile compounding, and focused on men's health and veterinary medicine. Dr. Pritchett earned his Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) from Campbell University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and is a Registered Pharmacist in the state of North Carolina.

### **Rad Dillon, R.Ph., ASQ CQA, ASQ CMQ/OE, ACHC Certified Accreditation Consultant**

Mr. Dillon is a pharmacist whose career has focused on sterile compounding and pharmacy operations in the home infusion and long term care pharmacy sectors. Having worked for a variety of regional and national providers from coast to coast, he has recently turned to the challenges faced by sterile and nonsterile "traditional" compounders. Currently Mr. Dillon divides his time between PCAB/ACHC surveys and consulting.

For more detail regarding the implications of USP <800>, listen in as *Pharmacy Podcast* interviews the webinar sponsors and instructors. <http://www.pharmacytimes.com/blogs/pharmacy-podcast-show/0416/unraveling-the-mystery-of-changes-to-usp-800>



USP <800> Webinar Registration links:

- May 3, 2016 – 4pm EST (Sterile): <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7738522639425900546>
- May 5, 2016 – 4pm EST (Non-Sterile): <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3425517855232742657>
- May 9, 2016 – 1pm EST (Sterile): <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/561009689566529284>
- May 10, 2016 – 4pm EST (Non-Sterile): <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5060977630030503940>

Additionally, Accreditation University (AU), a division of ACHC will hold a one-day USP <800> Compliance workshop at its headquarters in Cary, NC on May 19, 2016. The workshop, hosted by PCAB, will give an overview of USP <800> and discuss practical steps for implementation. To register for the USP <800> Compliance workshop, please visit, <http://www.cvent.com/events/usp-800-compliance-workshop> or contact [crigsbee@achc.org](mailto:crigsbee@achc.org), or call **919-228-6559**.

As a leading accreditation organization, ACHC is committed to providing educational resources that facilitate continuous compliance. Through its educational division, Accreditation University, ACHC offers a range of resources designed to help pharmacies achieve and maintain compliance, including workbooks, workshops, and compliance checklists as well as customized consulting options.

ACHC is a non-profit accreditation organization that has stood as a symbol of quality and excellence since 1986. The organization has CMS Deeming Authority for Home Health, Hospice, and DMEPOS and a Quality Management System that is certified to ISO 9001:2008. ACHC is the provider's choice for accreditation because of its personal Account Advisors, relevant and realistic standards, competitive pricing, and a friendly, consultative approach to accreditation. Accreditation by ACHC reflects an organization's dedication and commitment to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care. As a service of ACHC, PCAB is currently the only comprehensive accreditation solution for compounding pharmacies wishing to demonstrate compliance with USP standards.

For more information on ACHC's accreditation programs, or to download ACHC Accreditation Standards, please visit [achc.org](http://achc.org) or contact [customerservice@achc.org](mailto:customerservice@achc.org) or **855-937-2242**.

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