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**ACHC International Expands Accreditation Programs to
Include PCAB Accreditation for Compounding Pharmacies**

Farmacia Ternelli Becomes First PCAB-Accredited Pharmacy in Europe

CARY, N.C. (December 2, 2024) — The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) International is expanding its global accreditation offerings with the introduction of a specialized program for compounding pharmacies under the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) brand. The program, launching on December 2, reflects ACHC International’s commitment to advancing safety, quality and consistency in pharmacy compounding worldwide. Farmacia Ternelli, located in the Reggio Emilia province of Italy, has earned the distinction of becoming the first pharmacy in Europe to achieve PCAB accreditation.

PCAB accreditation, recognized as the gold standard in pharmacy compounding, provides a rigorous evaluation of compounding practices to ensure compliance with strict standards for sterile and non-sterile compounding, quality control and patient safety.

“It has been a labor of passionate commitment to finally get to this important milestone, the first PCAB-accredited pharmacy in Europe,” said Andrea Ferrari, ACHC International’s European representative for PCAB. “I was lucky to have a great professional like Dr. Annunziata Lombardi on my team. She worked very hard on translating and adapting the U.S. PCAB standards to include elements from the Italian and European pharmacopeia. I am also very honored to have had the full and unconditional support and trust of the ACHC management team. I congratulate Farmacia Ternelli on this big achievement and look forward to expanding the PCAB family in Italy and Europe.”

Dr. Lombardi added “I am a compounding pharmacist myself and it was a very enriching experience to guide the scientific aspects of this breakthrough project and learn all the details of how standards are applied and surveyed by more experienced ACHC colleagues. I am convinced that the role of compounding pharmacies is today more important than ever before to support patients with personalized medications and guarantee an appropriate supply in times of drugs shortages. However, we need robust procedures and quality standards to make sure that compounded preparations are safe for the patients. PCAB accreditation ensures exactly this. I am looking forward to continuing support ACHC International in rolling out this ambitious project in Europe”

Dr. Marco Ternelli of Farmacia Ternelli underscored the importance of PCAB accreditation in elevating the standards of compounded medications in Italy:

“In Italy, we have a significant need to certify the quality of pharmacies,” said Dr. Ternelli. “Currently, the production of compounded medications relies on only a few basic mandatory checks, with no obligatory external organizations involved. A true and comprehensive quality system is essential to provide patients with the utmost confidence in the safety and effectiveness of compounded medications prepared by pharmacies. Such a system also allows pharmacists to trace any errors at any stage, from pre- to post-sale. This is precisely the role of PCAB accreditation.”

Farmacia Ternelli’s achievement represents the culmination of collaboration and innovation, demonstrating the adaptability of PCAB standards to meet both U.S. and European pharmacopeia requirements. This initiative reinforces ACHC International’s commitment to providing accreditation programs tailored to the needs of healthcare organizations worldwide.

Since 2016, ACHC International has offered customizable accreditation programs, adding value for healthcare organizations seeking recognition from a trusted authority in accreditation and education. In addition to PCAB, ACHC International provides accreditation programs across various healthcare sectors, including Hospitals, Telehealth, DMEPOS and Home Care, among others.

For more information about PCAB accreditation and ACHC International’s full suite of programs, visit www.achcinternational.org.

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About ACHC International

ACHC International is a division of the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), a globally recognized leader in healthcare accreditation and quality improvement. Since 2016, ACHC International has provided tailored accreditation solutions and education to healthcare organizations worldwide, helping them meet rigorous standards of safety, quality and operational excellence. The organization offers a wide range of accreditation programs, including compounding pharmacy, telehealth, home care and acute care hospitals, all designed to support innovation and enhance patient outcomes across diverse healthcare settings. For more information, visit achcinternational.org. To learn more about accreditation options from ACHC, please email customerservice@achc.org, call (855) 937-2242 or visit www.achc.org.

About Farmacia Ternelli

Farmacia Ternelli, located in Bibbiano, Reggio Emilia, Italy, is a distinguished pharmacy specializing in personalized medicinal preparations. With a state-of-the-art laboratory, the pharmacy offers a wide range of galenic formulations, including capsules, creams and sterile injectables, tailored to meet individual patient needs. Under the leadership of Dr. Marco Ternelli, the team is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of quality and safety in compounding practices. Farmacia Ternelli’s commitment to excellence is further demonstrated by its achievement as the first pharmacy in Europe to receive PCAB accreditation, underscoring its role as a leader in the field of pharmacy compounding.