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Speaker Biographies



Brenda Jensen, CPhT, CNMT, MBA

Chair, USP Compounding Expert Committee

Brenda Jensen CPhT, CNMT, MBA is the current chair of the USP Compounding Expert Committee and previously was a member of the 2015-2020 Compounding Expert Committee. She also participates on the Radiopharmaceutical Standards Expert Panel. Brenda is an independent consultant and owner of Compounding Consultants, LLC. She helps facilities improve compounding quality and safety by providing gap analyses, onsite training, and customized standard operating procedures. Her previous experience includes sterile and nonsterile compounding in hospital, clinic, and community pharmacy settings. Her sterile compounding experience includes oncology, nuclear, and high-risk level compounding. Brenda is a member of multiple pharmacy organizations, vice president of the American College of Veterinary Pharmacists, and a member of the APhA House of Delegates. She also works on a prn basis at Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center, a small critical access hospital in rural South Dakota.



Bob Shrewsbury, Ph.D.

Vice-Chair, USP Compounding Expert Committee

Bob Shrewsbury received his B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma in 1972 and his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1977. His background training is in basic and applied biopharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics, and drug-interaction mechanisms. He is a faculty member at the Eshelman School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina and has been teaching compounding science for 25 years. He has served on the Expert Committee for Compounding since 2010 and chaired the <795> subcommittee in the 2015 – 2020 cycle.

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Gus Bassani, Pharm.D.

*Member, USP Compounding Expert Committee
Chair, <795> Subcommittee*

Gus Bassani, Pharm.D., currently serves as Chief Scientific Officer for PCCA, a Houston-based supplier of active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients and formulation and drug information consulting to pharmacies, healthcare institutions, and outsourcing facilities. He has been with PCCA since 2002. Before that, he was a formulation pharmacist in the product development lab of a veterinary pharmaceutical company. He has worked in multiple pharmacy practice settings in Alaska, Iowa, and Kansas and has taught extemporaneous compounding principles to pharmacy students in Drake University's Pharmaceutics Laboratory course. Gus received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He is a member of the 2020 – 2025 USP Compounding Expert Committee and chairs the <795> Subcommittee. Previously, he was a member of the 2010 -2015 and 2015 -2020 USP Compounding Expert Committee. Gus served on the 2012–2014 Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences National Advisory Council and is a member of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding (APC), American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), and the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA).



Connie Sullivan, B.S.Pharm.

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Connie Sullivan, B.S.Pharm. is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Home Infusion Association (NHIA). Sullivan has over 25 years of home infusion industry leadership, management, and clinical practice experience. Sullivan is responsible for NHIA's legislative and regulatory advocacy initiatives and developing resources that support the infusion industry to foster innovation and promote the delivery of high-quality patient care. Sullivan also oversees the National Home Infusion Foundation, a not-for-profit subsidiary of the association devoted to research, leadership development, and education programs. She is a member of the 2020 – 2025 USP Compounding Expert Committee and chairs the <797> Subcommittee. Before joining NHIA, Sullivan served for 15 years as the National Director of Infusion for a national home health and skilled nursing provider. Sullivan earned her bachelor's in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in 1994.

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Blaine Groat is a Senior Scientist in USP's Personalized Medicines for the Healthcare Safety and Quality Collaborative Group and Scientific Liaison for the Compounding Expert Committee at the United States Pharmacopeia (USP). In this role, he manages and coordinates the activities of the compounding expert committee, which develops compounding documentary standards for the USP-NF.

He has an MSc in Chemistry studying enzyme biophysics and DNA plasmid design from Florida State University and a PharmD from the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed a fellowship in medication error reporting and labeling review with FDA/CDER/Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology. On weekends, he practices nonsterile and hazardous compounding in Washington, DC, and volunteers as a vaccinator and sterile compounding pharmacist for the Virginia Volunteer Health System.



Selma Mitiche, Pharm.D.
Senior Scientist I, Healthcare Quality & Safety

Selma Mitiche is a Senior Scientist for the Compounding Expert Committee at USP within the Healthcare Quality and Safety Collaborative Group. Driven by the mission to improve public health through standards development, Selma leads and coordinates the activities of the Compounding Expert Committee to develop and revise compounding-related general chapters and compounded preparation

monographs. Selma served as a pharmacist at Cornell University, where she was instrumental in the development of compounding policies, before joining USP. She also served as a community and long-term care pharmacist. Selma earned her Pharm.D. from Butler University.

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