

**BEFORE THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against:

**SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING, INC., dba
SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING,
MAII EL-SHATANOUFY, CEO,
Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 53633,
Sterile Compounding Permit No. LSC 100831;**

**MAII EL-SHATANOUFY,
Pharmacist License No. RPH 63672;**

and

**SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING, INC., dba
SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING,
Renewal of Sterile Compounding Permit,**

Respondents.

Agency Case Nos. 7228 & 7383

OAH No. 2023080032

DECISION AND ORDER

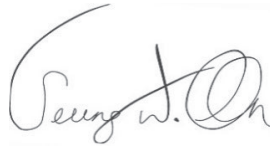
The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2024.

It is so ORDERED on March 4, 2024.

BOARD OF PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

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10 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
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12 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation
Against:

Case No. 7228

13 **SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM**
14 **COMPOUNDING, INC. dba SAN DIEGO**
15 **OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING, MAII EL-**
16 **SHATANOUFY, CEO**
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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

17 **Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 53633**
18 **Sterile Compounding Permit No. LSC**
100831

19 **MAII E-SHATANOUFY**
20 **15054 Almond Orchard Lane**
San Diego, CA 92131

21 **Pharmacist License No. RPH 63672**

22 Respondents.

23 In the Matter of the Statement of Issues
Against:

Case No. 7383

24 **SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM**
25 **COMPOUNDING, INC. dba SAN DIEGO**
26 **OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING**

27 **Renewal of Sterile Compounding Permit**

28 Respondent.

1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
2 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

3 **PARTIES**

4 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy
5 (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by
6 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Molly E. Selway, Deputy Attorney
7 General.

8 2. Respondent San Diego Optimum Compounding, dba San Diego Optimum
9 Compounding; Maii El-Shatanoufy, CEO (Respondent) are represented in this proceeding by
10 attorney Tony J. Park, whose address is: 9090 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92618-465.

11 3. On or about December 2, 2015, the Board issued Sterile Compounding Permit No.
12 LSC 10831 to San Diego Optimum Compounding, dba San Diego Optimum Compounding
13 (Respondent San Diego Optimum). The Sterile Compounding Permit expired on October 1,
14 2022, and was not renewed.

15 4. On or about October 15, 2015, the Board issued Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 53633 to
16 San Diego Optimum Compounding, dba San Diego Optimum Compounding (Respondent San
17 Diego Optimum). The Pharmacy Permit expires on October 15, 2024, unless renewed.

18 5. On or about February 9, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
19 Number RPH 63672 to Maii El-Shatanoufy (Respondent El-Shatanoufy). The Pharmacist
20 License expires on January 31, 2026, unless renewed. Respondent El-Shatanoufy has served and
21 been listed in Board records as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) of Respondent San Diego Optimum
22 from October 15, 2015, to December 5, 2022.

23 **JURISDICTION**

24 6. The First Amended Accusation No. 7228 and Statement of Issues No. 7383 was filed
25 before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other
26 statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on June 23, 2022. The First
27 Amended Accusation No. 7228 and Statement of Issues were properly served on April 28, 2023.
28 Respondents timely filed their Notice of Defense.

1 7. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 7228 and Statement of Issues No. 7383 is
2 attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

3 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

4 8. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
5 charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 7228 and Statement of Issues No. 7383.
6 Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of
7 this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

8 9. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
9 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation and Statement of Issues; the right to
10 confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to
11 testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of
12 witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an
13 adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act
14 and other applicable laws.

15 10. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and
16 every right set forth above.

17 **CULPABILITY**

18 11. Respondents understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in First
19 Amended Accusation No. 7228 and Statement of Issues No. 7383, if proven at a hearing,
20 constitute cause for imposing discipline upon their Sterile Compounding Permit, Pharmacy
21 Permit and Pharmacist License.

22 12. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation and Statement of Issues without the
23 expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondents agree that, at a hearing,
24 Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and Statement of
25 Issues, and that Respondents hereby give up their right to contest those charges.

26 13. Respondents agree that their Sterile Compounding Permit, Pharmacy Permit, and
27 Pharmacist License are subject to discipline and they agree to be bound by the Board's terms as
28 set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

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2 14. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondents
3 understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate
4 directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation
5 by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree
6 that they may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the
7 Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and
8 Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for
9 this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall
10 not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

11 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
12 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile
13 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

14 16. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an
15 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
16 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
17 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
18 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
19 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

20 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
21 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
22 Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

**AS TO RESPONDENT SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING - STERILE
COMPOUNDING PERMIT:**

26 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sterile Compounding Permit No. LSC 100831, issued to
27 Respondent San Diego Optimum Compounding; Maii El-Shatanoufy, CEO, is surrendered and
28 accepted by the Board.

1 1. **Definition: Respondent San Diego Optimum** For the purposes of these terms and
2 conditions, "Respondent San Diego Optimum" shall refer to San Diego Optimum Compounding,
3 Inc., dba San Diego Optimum Compounding. All terms and conditions stated herein shall bind
4 and be applicable to the licensed premises and to all owners, managers, officers, administrators,
5 members, directors, trustees, associates, or partners thereof. For purposes of compliance with any
6 term or condition, any report, submission, filing, payment, or appearance required to be made by
7 respondent to or before the Board or its designee shall be made by an owner or executive officer
8 with authority to act on behalf of and legally bind the licensed entity.

9 2. The surrender of Respondent's Sterile Compounding Permit and the acceptance of the
10 surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.
11 This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's
12 license history with the Board.

13 3. Respondent San Diego Optimum withdraws its request to appeal and request for
14 hearing of the denial of their application for sterile compounding permit.

15 4. Respondent San Diego Optimum shall lose all rights and privileges to perform sterile
16 compounding in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

17 5. Respondent San Diego Optimum shall cause to be delivered to the Board its pocket
18 license and, if one was issued, its wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision
19 and Order.

20 6. If Respondent San Diego Optimum ever files an application for LSC licensure or a
21 petition for reinstatement for LSC licensure in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a
22 new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and
23 procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the
24 charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 7228 shall be deemed to be true, correct and
25 admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the application or
26 petition.

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1 **AS TO RESPONDENT SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING, INC'S PHARMACY**
2 **PERMIT**

3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 53633 issued to Respondent
4 San Diego Optimum Compounding, Inc., dba San Diego Optimum is revoked. However, the
5 revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following
6 terms and conditions:

7 **STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PROBATIONS**

8 **7. Definition: Respondent San Diego Optimum**

9 For the purposes of these terms and conditions, "Respondent San Diego Optimum" shall
10 refer to San Diego Optimum Compounding, Inc., dba San Diego Optimum Compounding. All
11 terms and conditions stated herein shall bind and be applicable to the licensed premises and to all
12 owners, managers, officers, administrators, members, directors, trustees, associates, or partners
13 thereof. For purposes of compliance with any term or condition, any report, submission, filing,
14 payment, or appearance required to be made by Respondent to or before the Board or its designee
15 shall be made by an owner or executive officer with authority to act on behalf of and legally bind
16 the licensed entity.

17 **8. Obey All Laws**

18 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

19 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board,
20 in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- 21 • an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
22 Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled
23 substances laws;
- 24 • a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere, no contest, or similar, in any state or federal criminal
25 proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment;
- 26 • a conviction of any crime; or
- 27 • discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state or federal agency
28 which involves Respondent's Pharmacy Permit or which is related to the practice of

1 pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling or distributing, billing, or charging
2 for any dangerous drug, and/or dangerous device or controlled substance.

3 Failure to timely report any such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

4 **9. Report to the Board**

5 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall report to the Board quarterly, on a schedule as
6 directed by the Board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as
7 directed. Among other requirements, Respondent San Diego Optimum shall state in each report
8 under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of
9 probation. Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of
10 probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the
11 total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed,
12 probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted
13 by the Board.

14 **10. Interview with the Board**

15 Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent San Diego Optimum shall appear in
16 person for interviews with the Board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are
17 determined by the Board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without
18 prior notification to Board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews
19 with the Board or its designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of
20 probation.

21 **11. Cooperate with Board Staff**

22 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall timely cooperate with the Board's inspection
23 program and with the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent San Diego Optimum's
24 compliance with the terms and conditions of the probation, including but not limited to: timely
25 responses to requests for information by Board staff; timely compliance with directives from
26 Board staff regarding requirements of any term or condition of probation; and timely completion
27 of documentation pertaining to a term or condition of probation. Failure to timely cooperate shall
28 be considered a violation of probation.

1 **12. Reimbursement of Board Costs**

2 As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent San Diego
3 Optimum and Respondent Maii El-Shatanoufy shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation
4 and prosecution in the total amount of \$25,000. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable
5 for payment of these costs.

6 Respondents shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board
7 or its designee, so long as full payment is completed no later than one (1) year prior to the end
8 date of probation.

9 **13. Probation Monitoring Costs**

10 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring
11 as determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the
12 Board on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the
13 deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

14 **14. Status of License**

15 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall, at all times while on probation, maintain current
16 pharmacy permit with the Board. Failure to maintain current licensure shall be considered a
17 violation of probation.

18 If Respondent San Diego Optimum’s license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or
19 otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof or
20 otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent San Diego Optimum’s license shall be
21 subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

22 **15. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension**

23 Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent San Diego Optimum wish
24 to discontinue business, Respondent San Diego Optimum may tender the premises license to the
25 Board for surrender. The Board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the
26 request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal
27 acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent San Diego Optimum will no longer be
28 subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

1 Respondent San Diego Optimum may not apply for any new license from the Board for
2 three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent San Diego Optimum shall
3 meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that
4 license is submitted to the Board.

5 Respondent San Diego Optimum further stipulates that it shall reimburse the Board for its
6 costs of investigation and prosecution prior to the acceptance of the surrender.

7 Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent San Diego Optimum shall relinquish the
8 premises and renewal license to the Board within ten (10) days of notification by the Board
9 that the surrender is accepted. Respondent San Diego Optimum shall further submit a completed
10 Discontinuance of Business form according to Board guidelines and shall notify the Board of the
11 records inventory transfer within five (5) days. Respondent San Diego Optimum shall further
12 arrange for the transfer of all records of acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs and/or
13 devices to premises licensed and approved by the Board.

14 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall also, by the effective date of this decision, arrange
15 for the continuation of care for ongoing patients of the pharmacy by, at minimum, providing a
16 written notice to ongoing patients that specifies the anticipated closing date of the pharmacy and
17 that identifies one or more area pharmacies capable of taking up the patients' care, and by
18 cooperating as may be necessary in the transfer of records or prescriptions for ongoing patients.
19 Within five days of its provision to the pharmacy's ongoing patients, Respondent San Diego
20 Optimum shall provide a copy of the written notice to the Board. For the purposes of this
21 provision, "ongoing patients" means those patients for whom the pharmacy has on file a
22 prescription with one or more refills outstanding, or for whom the pharmacy has filled a
23 prescription within the preceding sixty (60) days.

24 **16. Sale or Discontinuance of Business**

25 During the period of probation, should Respondent San Diego Optimum sell, trade or
26 transfer all or part of the ownership of the licensed entity, discontinue doing business under the
27 license issued to Respondent San Diego Optimum, or should practice at that location be assumed
28 by another full or partial owner, person, firm, business, or entity, under the same or a different

1 premises license number, the Board or its designee shall have the sole discretion to determine
2 whether to exercise continuing jurisdiction over the licensed location, under the current or new
3 premises license number, and/or carry the remaining period of probation forward to be applicable
4 to the current or new premises license number of the new owner.

5 **17. Notice to Employees**

6 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall, upon or before the effective date of this decision,
7 ensure that all employees involved in permit operations are made aware of all the terms and
8 conditions of probation, either by posting a notice of the terms and conditions, circulating such
9 notice, or both. If the notice required by this provision is posted, it shall be posted in a prominent
10 place and shall remain posted throughout the probation period. Respondent San Diego Optimum
11 shall ensure that any employees hired or used after the effective date of this decision are made
12 aware of the terms and conditions of probation by posting a notice, circulating a notice, or both.
13 Additionally, Respondent San Diego Optimum shall submit written notification to the Board,
14 within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this decision, that this term has been satisfied.
15 Failure to timely provide such notification to employees, or to timely submit such notification to
16 the Board shall be considered a violation of probation.

17 “Employees” as used in this provision includes all full-time, part-time, volunteer, temporary
18 and relief employees and independent contractors employed or hired at any time during
19 probation.

20 **18. Owners and Officers: Knowledge of the Law**

21 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall provide, within thirty (30) days after the effective
22 date of this decision, signed and dated statements from its owners, including any owner or holder
23 of ten percent (10%) or more of the interest in Respondent San Diego Optimum or Respondent
24 San Diego Optimum’s stock, and all of its officer, stating under penalty of perjury that said
25 individuals have read and are familiar with state and federal laws and regulations governing the
26 practice of pharmacy. The failure to timely provide said statements under penalty of perjury shall
27 be considered a violation of probation.

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1 **19. Premises Open for Business**

2 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall remain open and engaged in its ordinary business as
3 a pharmacy in California for a minimum of 120 hours per calendar month. Any month during
4 which this minimum is not met shall toll the period of probation, i.e., the period of probation shall
5 be extended by one month for each month during with this minimum is not met. During any such
6 period of tolling of probation, Respondent San Diego Optimum must nonetheless comply with all
7 terms and conditions of probation, unless Respondent San Diego Optimum is informed otherwise
8 in writing by the Board or its designee. If Respondent San Diego Optimum is not open and
9 engaged in its ordinary business as a pharmacy for a minimum of 120 hours in any calendar
10 month, for any reason (including vacation), respondent shall notify the Board in writing within
11 ten (10) days of the conclusion of that calendar month. This notification shall include at minimum
12 all of the following: the date(s) and hours respondent was open; the reason(s) for the interruption
13 or why business was not conducted; and the anticipated date(s) on which Respondent San Diego
14 Optimum will resume business as required. Respondent San Diego Optimum shall further notify
15 the Board in writing with ten (10) days following the next calendar month during which
16 Respondent San Diego Optimum is open and engaged in its ordinary business as a pharmacy in
17 California for a minimum of 120 hours. Any failure to timely provide such notification(s) shall
18 be considered a violation of probation.

19 **20. Posted Notice of Probation**

20 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall prominently post a probation notice provided by the
21 Board or its designee in a place conspicuous to and readable by the public within two (2) days of
22 receipt thereof from the Board or its designee. Failure to timely post such notice, or to maintain
23 the posting during the entire period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

24 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall not, directly or indirectly, engage in any conduct or
25 make any statement which is intended to mislead or is likely to have the effect of misleading any
26 patient, customer, member of the public, or other person(s) as to the nature of and reason for the
27 probation of the licensed entity.

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1 **21. Violation of Probation**

2 If Respondent San Diego Optimum has not complied with any term or condition of
3 probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent San Diego Optimum,
4 and probation shall be automatically extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied
5 or the Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a
6 violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed.

7 If Respondent San Diego Optimum violates probation in any respect, the Board, after
8 giving Respondent San Diego Optimum notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke
9 probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or
10 an accusation is filed against Respondent San Diego Optimum during probation, the Board shall
11 have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the
12 petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

13 **22. Completion of Probation**

14 Upon written notice by the Board or its designee indicating successful completion of
15 probation, Respondent San Diego Optimum’s license will be fully restored.

16 **23. No Additional Ownership or Management of Licensed Premises**

17 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall not acquire any additional ownership, legal or
18 beneficial interest in, nor serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, associate,
19 partner or any business, firm , partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the
20 Board except as approved by the Board or its designee. Violations of this restriction shall be
21 considered a violation of probation.

22 **24. Consultant Review of Pharmacy Operations**

23 During the period of probation, Respondent San Diego Optimum shall retain an
24 independent consultant, who specializes in compounding, at its own expense who shall be
25 responsible for reviewing pharmacy operations on monthly basis for compliance by Respondent
26 San Diego Optimum with state and federal laws and regulations governing the practice of
27 pharmacy, a compounding pharmacy, and for compliance by Respondent San Diego Optimum.
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1 The consultant shall provide the Board with an inspection agenda for approval prior to
2 conducting the inspection. Any inspection conducted without prior approval of the inspection
3 agenda shall not be accepted. The consultant shall also provide the Board with reports
4 documenting the inspection. The reports shall be provided directly to the Board, and receive
5 confirmation of receipt from the Board, prior to providing to the Respondent San Diego
6 Optimum. Should the Board determine that the consultant is not appropriately assessing the
7 operations of Respondent San Diego Optimum, or providing the appropriate written reports, the
8 Board shall require Respondent San Diego Optimum to obtain a different consultant through the
9 same process outlined above, by submitting a new name of an expert within sixty (60) days of
10 Respondent San Diego Optimum being notified of the need for a new consultant. During the
11 period of probation, the Board shall retain discretion to modify the frequency of the consultant's
12 review.

13 Respondent San Diego Optimum shall submit the name of the proposed consultant for
14 approval within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision. The consultant shall be a
15 pharmacist licensed by and not on probation with the Board or other professional as appropriate
16 and not on probation with the Board, who has been approved by the Board to serve in this
17 position. The consultant shall have sufficient education, training, and professional experience to
18 be able to provide guidance to Respondent San Diego Optimum related to the causes for
19 discipline in Case No. 7228. Assumption of any unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall
20 be considered a violation of probation.

21 Failure to timely seek approval for, timely retain, or ensure timely reporting by the
22 consultant shall be considered a violation of probation.

23 **AS TO RESPONDENT MAII EL-SHATANOUFY**

24 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 63672 issued to Respondent
25 Maii El-Shatanoufy is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on
26 probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

27 **25. Obey All Laws**

28 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

1 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board, in
2 writing, within seventy- two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- 3 • an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the
4 Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled
5 substances laws
- 6 • a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere, no contest, or similar, in any state or federal
7 criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- 8 • a conviction of any crime
- 9 • the filing of a disciplinary pleading, issuance of a citation, or initiation of another
10 administrative action filed by any state or federal agency which involves
11 Respondent El-Shatanoufy's license or which is related to the practice of pharmacy
12 or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging for any
13 drug, device or controlled substance.

14 Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

15 **26. Report to the Board**

16 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall report to the Board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by
17 the Board or its designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed.
18 Among other requirements, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall state in each report under penalty of
19 perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation.

20 Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of
21 probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the
22 total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed,
23 probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted
24 by the Board.

25 **27. Interview with the Board**

26 Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall appear in person
27 for interviews with the Board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by
28 the Board or its designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification

1 to Board staff, or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the Board or its
2 designee during the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

3 **28. Cooperate with Board Staff**

4 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall timely cooperate with the Board's inspection program and
5 with the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent El-Shatanoufy's compliance with
6 the terms and conditions of Respondent El-Shatanoufy's probation, including but not limited to:
7 timely responses to requests for information by Board staff; timely compliance with directives
8 from Board staff regarding requirements of any term or condition of probation; and timely
9 completion of documentation pertaining to a term or condition of probation. Failure to timely
10 cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

11 **29. Continuing Education**

12 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and
13 knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the Board or its designee.

14 **30. Reporting of Employment and Notice to Employers**

15 During the period of probation, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall notify all present and
16 prospective employers of the decision in case number 7228 and the terms, conditions and
17 restrictions imposed on Respondent El-Shatanoufy by the decision, as follows:

18 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within ten (10) days of
19 Respondent El-Shatanoufy undertaking any new employment, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall
20 report to the Board in writing the name, physical address, and mailing address of each of
21 Respondent El-Shatanoufy's employer(s), and the name(s) and telephone number(s) of all of
22 Respondent El-Shatanoufy's direct supervisor(s), as well as any pharmacist(s)-in-charge,
23 designated representative(s)-in-charge, responsible manager, or other compliance supervisor(s)
24 and the work schedule, if known. Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall also include the reason(s) for
25 leaving the prior employment. Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall sign and return to the Board a
26 written consent authorizing the Board or its designee to communicate with all of Respondent El-
27 Shatanoufy's employer(s) and supervisor(s), and authorizing those employer(s) or supervisor(s) to
28 communicate with the Board or its designee, concerning Respondent El-Shatanoufy's work

1 status, performance, and monitoring. Failure to comply with the requirements or deadlines of this
2 condition shall be considered a violation of probation.

3 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of
4 Respondent El-Shatanoufy undertaking any new employment, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall
5 cause (a) Respondent El-Shatanoufy's direct supervisor, (b) Respondent El-Shatanoufy's
6 pharmacist-in-charge, designated representative-in-charge, responsible manager, or other
7 compliance supervisor, and (c) the owner or owner representative of Respondent El-Shatanoufy's
8 employer, to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have
9 read the decision in case number 7228, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. If one person
10 serves in more than one role described in (a), (b), or (c), the acknowledgment shall so state. It
11 shall be the Respondent El-Shatanoufy's responsibility to ensure that these acknowledgment(s)
12 are timely submitted to the Board. In the event of a change in the person(s) serving the role(s)
13 described in (a), (b), or (c) during the term of probation, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall cause
14 the person(s) taking over the role(s) to report to the Board in writing within fifteen (15) days of
15 the change acknowledging that he or she has read the decision in case number 7228, and the
16 terms and conditions imposed thereby.

17 If Respondent El-Shatanoufy works for or is employed by or through an employment
18 service, Respondent El-Shatanoufy must notify the person(s) described in (a), (b), and (c) above
19 at every entity licensed by the Board of the decision in case number 7228, and the terms and
20 conditions imposed thereby in advance of Respondent El-Shatanoufy commencing work at such
21 licensed entity. A record of this notification must be provided to the Board upon request.

22 Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen
23 (15) days of Respondent El-Shatanoufy undertaking any new employment by or through an
24 employment service, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall cause the person(s) described in (a), (b),
25 and (c) above at the employment service to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that he
26 or she has read the decision in case number, and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It
27 shall be Respondent El-Shatanoufy's responsibility to ensure that these acknowledgment(s) are
28 timely submitted to the Board.

1 Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or failure to cause the identified
2 person(s) with that/those employer(s) to submit timely written acknowledgments to the Board
3 shall be considered a violation of probation.

4 "Employment" within the meaning of this provision includes any full-time, part-time,
5 temporary, relief, or employment/management service position as a Pharmacist, or any position
6 for which a Pharmacist is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether the Respondent El-
7 Shatanoufy is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

8 **31. Notification of Change(s) in Name, Address(es), or Phone Number(s)**

9 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of
10 any change in name, residence address, mailing address, e-mail address or phone number.

11 Failure to timely notify the Board of any change in employer, name, address, or phone
12 number shall be considered a violation of probation.

13 **32. Restrictions on Supervision and Oversight of Licensed Facilities –**

14 During the period of probation, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall not supervise any intern
15 pharmacist, be the pharmacist-in-charge, designated representative-in-charge, responsible
16 manager or other compliance supervisor of any entity licensed by the Board, nor serve as a
17 consultant. Assumption of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered
18 a violation of probation.

19 **33. Reimbursement of Board Costs**

20 As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent San Diego
21 Optimum and Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and
22 prosecution in the total amount of \$25,000. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable for
23 payment of these costs.

24 Respondents shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board
25 or its designee, so long as full payment is completed no later than one (1) year prior to the end
26 date of probation.

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1 **34. Probation Monitoring Costs**

2 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as
3 determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the
4 Board on a schedule as directed by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the
5 deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of probation.

6 **35. Status of License**

7 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current
8 Pharmacist License with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is
9 tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current Pharmacist shall be considered a violation of
10 probation.

11 If Respondent El-Shatanoufy's Pharmacist License expires or is cancelled by operation of
12 law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due
13 to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent El-Shatanoufy's license shall be
14 subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

15 **36. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension**

16 Following the effective date of this decision, should Respondent El-Shatanoufy cease
17 practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of
18 probation, Respondent El-Shatanoufy may relinquish Respondent El-Shatanoufy's license,
19 including any indicia of licensure issued by the Board, along with a request to surrender the
20 license. The Board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to accept the surrender or
21 take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the
22 surrender of the license, Respondent El-Shatanoufy will no longer be subject to the terms and
23 conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part
24 of the Respondent El-Shatanoufy's license history with the Board.

25 Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall relinquish Respondent
26 El-Shatanoufy's pocket and/or wall license, including any indicia of licensure not previously
27 provided to the Board within ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrender is
28 accepted if not already provided. Respondent El-Shatanoufy may not reapply for any license

1 from the Board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent El-
2 Shatanoufy shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the
3 application for that license is submitted to the Board, including any outstanding costs.

4 **37. Practice Requirement – Extension of Probation**

5 Except during periods of suspension, Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall, at all times while on
6 probation, be employed as a Pharmacist in California for a minimum of 100 hours per calendar
7 month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall extend the period of probation by
8 one month. During any such period of insufficient employment, Respondent El-Shatanoufy must
9 nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation, unless Respondent El-Shatanoufy
10 receives a waiver in writing from the Board or its designee.

11 If Respondent El-Shatanoufy does not practice as a Pharmacist in California for the
12 minimum number of hours in any calendar month, for any reason (including vacation),
13 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the conclusion
14 of that calendar month. This notification shall include at least: the date(s), location(s), and hours
15 of last practice; the reason(s) for the interruption or reduction in practice; and the anticipated
16 date(s) on which Respondent El-Shatanoufy will resume practice at the required level.
17 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall further notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days following
18 the next calendar month during which Respondent El-Shatanoufy practices as a Pharmacist in
19 California for the minimum of hours. Any failure to timely provide such notification(s) shall be
20 considered a violation of probation.

21 It is a violation of probation for Respondent El-Shatanoufy's probation to be extended
22 pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-
23 consecutive months, exceeding thirty-six (36) months. The Board or its designee may post a
24 notice of the extended probation period on its website.

25 **38. Violation of Probation**

26 If Respondent El-Shatanoufy has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the
27 Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent El-Shatanoufy, and the Board shall
28 provide notice to Respondent El-Shatanoufy that probation shall automatically be extended, until

1 all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the Board has taken other action as deemed
2 appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and
3 to impose the penalty that was stayed. The Board or its designee may post a notice of the
4 extended probation period on its website.

5 If Respondent El-Shatanoufy violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving
6 Respondent El-Shatanoufy notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry
7 out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is
8 filed against Respondent El-Shatanoufy during probation, or the preparation of an accusation or
9 petition to revoke probation is requested from the Office of the Attorney General, the Board shall
10 have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be automatically extended until the
11 petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided..

12 39. **Completion of Probation**

13 Upon written notice by the Board or its designee indicating successful completion of
14 probation, Respondent El-Shatanoufy's license will be fully restored.

15 40. **Remedial Education**

16 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent El-Shatanoufy
17 shall submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, an appropriate program of remedial
18 education related to pharmaceutical compounding and pharmacy law. The program of remedial
19 education shall consist of at least 10 hours per year, Respondent El-Shatanoufy's own expense.
20 At least 50% of the courses shall be in person. All remedial education shall be in addition to, and
21 shall not be credited toward, continuing education (CE) courses used for license renewal purposes
22 for pharmacists.

23 Failure to timely submit for approval or complete the approved remedial education shall be
24 considered a violation of probation. The period of probation will be automatically extended until
25 such remedial education is successfully completed and written proof, in a form acceptable to the
26 Board, is provided to the Board or its designee.

27 Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may require the
28 Respondent El-Shatanoufy, at Respondent El-Shatanouf's own expense, to take an approved

1 examination to test the Respondent El-Shatanoufy's knowledge of the course. If the Respondent
2 El-Shatanoufy does not achieve a passing score on the examination that course shall not count
3 towards satisfaction of this term. Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall take another course approved
4 by the Board in the same subject area.


5 **41. No New Ownership or Management of Licensed Premises**

6 Respondent El-Shatanoufy shall not acquire any new ownership, legal or beneficial interest
7 nor serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of
8 any additional business, firm, partnership, or corporation licensed by the Board. If Respondent
9 El-Shatanoufy currently owns or has any legal or beneficial interest in, or serves as a manager,
10 administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm,
11 partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the Board, Respondent El-
12 Shatanoufy may continue to serve in such capacity or hold that interest, but only to the extent of
13 that position or interest as of the effective date of this decision. Violation of this restriction shall
14 be considered a violation of probation.

15 **ACCEPTANCE**

16 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
17 discussed it with my attorney, Tony J. Park. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will
18 have on my Sterile Compounding Permit and Pharmacy Permit. I enter into this Stipulated
19 Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be
20 bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

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22 DATED: 1/22/2024

DocuSigned by:


23 SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING, DBA
24 SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING; MAII
25 EL-SHATANOUFY, CEO
26 Respondent

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MAII EL-SHATANOUFY
Respondent

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7 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent San Diego Optimum Compounding, dba
8 San Diego Optimum Compounding and Respondent Maii El-Shatanoufy the terms and conditions
9 and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve
10 its form and content.

11 DATED: 1/23/2024

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15 **ENDORSEMENT**

16 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
17 submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy.

18 DATED: 1/23/2024

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 7228

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9 **BEFORE THE**
10 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 7228

14 **SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM**
15 **COMPOUNDING, INC. dba SAN DIEGO**
16 **OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING, MAII EL-**
17 **SHATANOUFY, CEO**
18 **12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, Suite 114**
19 **Poway, CA 92064**

FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

20 **Pharmacy Permit No. PHY 53633**
21 **Sterile Compounding Permit No. LSC**
22 **100831**

23 **MAII EL-SHATANOUFY**
24 **15054 Almond Orchard Lane**
25 **San Diego, CA 92131**

26 **Pharmacist License No. RPH 63672**

27 Respondents.

28 In the Matter of the Statement of Issues
Against:

Case No. 7383

29 **SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM**
30 **COMPOUNDING, INC. dba SAN DIEGO**
31 **OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING**

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

32 **Renewal of Sterile Compounding Permit**

33 Respondent.

1 **PARTIES**

2 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation and Statement
3 of Issues solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy,
4 Department of Consumer Affairs.

5 2. On or about October 15, 2015, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Permit
6 Number PHY 53633 to San Diego Optimum Compounding, Inc. dba San Diego Optimum
7 Compounding (Respondent San Diego Optimum). The Pharmacy Permit was in full force and
8 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 1, 2023.

9 3. On or about December 2, 2015, the Board of Pharmacy issued Sterile Compounding
10 Permit Number LSC 100831 to San Diego Optimum Compounding, Inc. dba San Diego
11 Optimum Compounding (Respondent San Diego Optimum). The Sterile Compounding Permit
12 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on
13 October 1, 2022, and was not renewed.

14 4. On or about September 20, 2022, the Board denied the renewal of the Sterile
15 Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831 issued to San Diego Optimum Compounding, Inc.
16 dba San Diego Optimum Compounding.

17 5. On or about February 9, 2010, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License
18 Number RPH 63672 to Maii El-Shatanoufy (Respondent El-Shatanoufy). The Pharmacist
19 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
20 expire on January 31, 2024. Respondent El-Shatanoufy has served and been listed in Board
21 records as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) of Respondent San Diego Optimum from October 15,
22 2015.

23 **JURISDICTION**

24 6. The First Amended Accusation and Statements of Issues are brought before the Board
25 of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following
26 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise
27 indicated.

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1 7. Code section 4011 provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the
2 Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 *et seq.*) and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
3 (Health & Safety Code, § 11000 *et seq.*).

4 8. Code section 4300, subdivision (a) provides that every license issued by the Board
5 may be suspended or revoked.

6 9. Code section 4300, subdivision (c) states:

7 The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional
8 conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any
9 applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all
10 other requirements for licensure. . .

11 10. Code section 4300.1 states:

12 The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued
13 license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law,
14 the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a
15 license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or
16 proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the
17 licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

18 11. Code section 4307 states:

19 (a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been
20 revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it
21 was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member,
22 officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control
23 of any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a
24 license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on
25 probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer,
26 director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control had
27 knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was
28 denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving
as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in
any other position with management or control of a licensee as follows:

(1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is
placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed
five years.

(2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue until
the license is issued or reinstated.

(b) "Manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate,
partner, or any other person with management or control of a license" as used in this
section and Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves
in such capacity in or for a licensee.

1 (c) The provisions of subdivision (a) may be alleged in any pleading filed
2 pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of
3 the Government Code. However, no order may be issued in that case except as to a
4 person who is named in the caption, as to whom the pleading alleges the applicability
5 of this section, and where the person has been given notice of the proceeding as
6 required by Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of
7 the Government Code. The authority to proceed as provided by this subdivision
8 shall be in addition to the board's authority to proceed under Section 4339 or any
9 other provision of law.

6 INTRODUCTION

7 12. This case is about the compounding of prescription drugs, including those
8 designated for sterile administration, in a pharmacy. Pharmacy compounding is when a licensed
9 pharmacist combines, mixes, or alters drug ingredients to create a medication tailored to the needs
10 of an individual patient. (e.g., Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1735.) Compounding is a form of drug
11 manufacturing subject to the drug manufacturing requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and
12 Cosmetic Act (FDCA) [21 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.]. Compounding in a pharmacy as a form of drug
13 manufacturing is permitted under federal law by section 503A of the FDCA [21 U.S.C. § 353a].

14 13. Compounds may be either “non-sterile” or “sterile,” depending on the intended
15 route of drug administration. Sterile drugs are those intended for parenteral administration (i.e.,
16 other than through the digestive system), including injectables and ophthalmic or inhalation drugs
17 in aqueous format. It is important that these drugs be sterile and uncontaminated, because they
18 bypass some of the body’s natural defenses against pathogens and impurities.

19 14. California law allows all licensed pharmacists to compound non-sterile drug
20 products in licensed pharmacies. (e.g., Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 4037, 4051, 4110.) All
21 compounding must be consistent with standards in the pharmacy compounding chapters of the
22 current version of the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary (USP-NF), including
23 relevant testing and quality assurance standards. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4126.8.) The Pharmacy
24 Law also contains additional standards that supplement the USP-NF standards. (Id.; see, e.g., Bus.
25 & Prof. Code, §§ 4126.10, 4127 et seq., 4128 et seq., 4129 et seq., Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, §§
26 1735 et seq., 1751 et seq.)

27 15. An additional specialty license is required before any licensed pharmacy is
28 allowed to compound sterile drug products. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4127 et seq.) And particular

1 regulatory requirements apply to preparation, maintenance, and distribution of sterile drug
2 products. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1751 et seq.; see also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 1735 et
3 seq.) Each sterile compounding pharmacy must be inspected prior to each annual renewal of a
4 sterile compounding license to ensure compliance with all compounding and sterile compounding
5 requirements. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4127.1, subd. (c).) All of this demonstrates the attention and
6 resources devoted to sterile drug compounding. This is because of the unique risks posed by
7 sterile drug products. In 2012, for instance, a contaminated sterile drug compound was widely
8 distributed, and caused a nationwide fungal meningitis outbreak, killing 64 people and causing
9 infections in almost 800 others who received the drug.

10 16. In this case, Respondent engaged in a number of sterile and nonsterile compounding
11 violations. These violations were found during the inspections on July 31, 2020, September 11,
12 2020, September 20, 2021, February 28, 2022, and September 12, 2022. These violations include
13 failure to comply with compounding standards, failure to comply with pharmacy policy and
14 procedures, failure to keep required compounding logs, failure to correctly label sterile
15 compounds, along with many other violations. Furthermore, Respondents incorrectly
16 compounded Amlodipine, which resulted in the death of a dog.

17 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

18 17. Code section 4059 states:

19 (a) A person may not furnish any dangerous drug, except upon the prescription
20 of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor
21 pursuant to Section 3640.7. A person may not furnish any dangerous device, except
upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or
naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7.

22 18. Code section 4081 states:

23 (a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, receipt, shipment, or
24 disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be at all times during
business hours open to inspection by authorized officers of the law, and shall be
25 preserved for at least three years from the date of making. A current inventory shall
be kept by every manufacturer, wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, pharmacy,
26 veterinary food-animal drug retailer, outsourcing facility, physician, dentist,
podiatrist, veterinarian, laboratory, licensed correctional clinic, as defined in Section
27 4187, clinic, hospital, institution, or establishment holding a currently valid and
unrevoked certificate, license, permit, registration, or exemption under Division 2
(commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code or under Part 4
28 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code

1 who maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices.

2 19. Code section 4110 states:

3 (a) No person shall conduct a pharmacy in the State of California unless he or
4 she has obtained a license from the board. A license shall be required for each
5 pharmacy owned or operated by a specific person. A separate license shall be
6 required for each of the premises of any person operating a pharmacy in more than
7 one location. The license shall be renewed annually. The board may, by regulation,
8 determine the circumstances under which a license may be transferred.

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10 20. Code section 4113 states:

11 (c) The pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance
12 with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy.

13 21. Code section 4127.2 states:

14 (c) A license to compound sterile drug products shall not be issued or renewed
15 until the location is inspected by the board and found in compliance with this article
16 and any regulations adopted by the board. The nonresident pharmacy shall reimburse
17 the board for all actual and necessary costs incurred by the board in conducting an
18 inspection of the pharmacy at least once annually pursuant to subdivision (v) of
19 Section 4400.

20 22. Code section 4126.8 states:

21 The compounding of drug preparations by a pharmacy for furnishing,
22 distribution, or use in this state shall be consistent with standards established in the
23 pharmacy compounding chapters of the current version of the United States
24 Pharmacopeia-National Formulary, including relevant testing and quality assurance.
25 The board may adopt regulations to impose additional standards for compounding

26 23. Code section 4163 states:

27 (a) A manufacturer, wholesaler, repackager, or pharmacy shall not furnish a

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29 24. Code section 4300 states:

30 ...

31 (c) The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional
32 conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any
33 applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all
34 other requirements for licensure. The board may issue the license subject to any
35 terms or conditions not contrary to public policy, including, but not limited to, the

1 following:

- 2 (1) Medical or psychiatric evaluation.
- 3 (2) Continuing medical or psychiatric treatment.
- 4 (3) Restriction of type or circumstances of practice.
- 5 (4) Continuing participation in a board-approved rehabilitation program.
- 6 (5) Abstention from the use of alcohol or drugs.
- 7 (6) Random fluid testing for alcohol or drugs.
- 8 (7) Compliance with laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy.

9 25. Code section 4301 states:

10 The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of
11 unprofessional conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional
12 conduct includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

12 ...

13 (g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely
14 represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

15 ...

16 (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the
17 United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

17 ...

18 (o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or
19 abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter
20 or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy,
21 including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal
22 regulatory agency.

21 ...

22 (q) Engaging in any conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert an
23 investigation of the board.

24 ...

25 26. Code section 4306.5 states:

26 Unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist may include any of the following:

27 (a) Acts or omissions that involve, in whole or in part, the inappropriate
28 exercise of his or her education, training, or experience as a pharmacist, whether or
not the act or omission arises in the course of the practice of pharmacy or the

1 ownership, management, administration, or operation of a pharmacy or other entity
2 licensed by the board.

3 ...

4 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

5 27. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1716 states:

6 Pharmacists shall not deviate from the requirements of a prescription except
7 upon the prior consent of the prescriber or to select the drug product in accordance
8 with Section 4073 of the Business and Professions Code.

9 Nothing in this regulation is intended to prohibit a pharmacist from exercising
10 commonly-accepted pharmaceutical practice in the compounding or dispensing of a
11 prescription.

12 28. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2 states:

13 (c) A “reasonable quantity” that may be furnished to a prescriber for office use
14 by the prescriber as authorized by Business and Professions Code section 4052,
15 subdivision (a)(1), means that amount of compounded drug preparation that:

16 (1) Is ordered by the prescriber or the prescriber's agent using a purchase order
17 or other documentation received by the pharmacy prior to furnishing that lists the
18 number of patients seen or to be seen in the prescriber's office for whom the drug is
19 needed or anticipated, and the quantity for each patient that is sufficient for office
20 administration; and

21 (2) Is delivered to the prescriber's office and signed for by the prescriber or the
22 prescriber's agent; and

23 (3) Is sufficient for administration or application to patients solely in the
24 prescriber's office, or for furnishing of not more than a 120-hour supply for veterinary
25 medical practices, solely to the prescriber's own veterinary patients seen as part of
26 regular treatment in the prescriber's office, as fairly estimated by the prescriber and
27 documented on the purchase order or other documentation submitted to the pharmacy
28 prior to furnishing; and

(4) That the pharmacist has a credible basis for concluding it is a reasonable
quantity for office use considering the intended use of the compounded medication
and the nature of the prescriber's practice; and

(5) With regard to any individual prescriber to whom the pharmacy furnishes,
and with regard to all prescribers to whom the pharmacy furnishes, is an amount
which the pharmacy is capable of compounding in compliance with pharmaceutical
standards for integrity, potency, quality and strength of the compounded drug
preparation; and

(6) Does not exceed an amount the pharmacy can reasonably and safely
compound.

...
(e) A drug preparation shall not be compounded until the pharmacy has first
prepared a written master formula document that includes at least the following

elements:

(1) Active ingredients to be used.

(2) Equipment to be used.

(3) The maximum allowable beyond use date for the preparation, and the rationale or reference source justifying its determination.

(4) Inactive ingredients to be used.

(5) Specific and essential compounding steps used to prepare the drug.

(6) Quality reviews required at each step in preparation of the drug.

(7) Post-compounding process or procedures required, if any.

(8) Instructions for storage and handling of the compounded drug preparation.

...

(i) Every compounded drug preparation shall be given a beyond use date representing the date or date and time beyond which the compounded drug preparation should not be used, stored, transported or administered, and determined based on the professional judgment of the pharmacist performing or supervising the compounding.

(1) For non-sterile compounded drug preparation(s), the beyond use date shall not exceed any of the following:

(A) the shortest expiration date or beyond use date of any ingredient in the compounded drug preparation,

(B) the chemical stability of any one ingredient in the compounded drug preparation,

(C) the chemical stability of the combination of all ingredients in the compounded drug preparation,

(D) for non-aqueous formulations, 180 days or an extended date established by the pharmacist's research, analysis, and documentation,

(E) for water-containing oral formulations, 14 days or an extended date established by the pharmacist's research, analysis, and documentation, and

(F) for water-containing topical/dermal and mucosal liquid and semisolid formulations, 30 days or an extended date established by the pharmacist's research, analysis, and documentation.

(G) A pharmacist, using his or her professional judgment may establish an extended date as provided in (D), (E), and (F), if the pharmacist researches by consulting and applying drug-specific and general stability documentation and literature; analyzes such documentation and literature as well as the other factors set forth in this subdivision; and maintains documentation of the research, analysis and conclusion. The factors the pharmacist must analyze include:

- 1 (i) the nature of the drug and its degradation mechanism,
2 (ii) the dosage form and its components,
3 (iii) the potential for microbial proliferation in the preparation,
4 (iv) the container in which it is packaged,
5 (v) the expected storage conditions, and
6 (vi) the intended duration of therapy.

7 Documentation of the pharmacist's research and analysis supporting an
8 extension must be maintained in a readily retrievable format as part of the master
9 formula.

10 (2) For sterile compounded drug preparations, the beyond use date shall not
11 exceed any of the following:

12 (A) The shortest expiration date or beyond use date of any ingredient in the
13 sterile compounded drug product preparation,

14 (B) The chemical stability of any one ingredient in the sterile compounded drug
15 preparation,

16 (C) The chemical stability of the combination of all ingredients in the sterile
17 compounded drug preparation, and

18 (D) The beyond use date assigned for sterility in section 1751.8.

19 (3) For sterile compounded drug preparations, extension of a beyond use date is
20 only allowable when supported by the following:

21 (A) Method Suitability Test,

22 (B) Container Closure Integrity Test, and

23 (C) Stability Studies

24 (4) In addition to the requirements of paragraph three (3), the drugs or
25 compounded drug preparations tested and studied shall be identical in ingredients,
26 specific and essential compounding steps, quality reviews, and packaging as the
27 finished drug or compounded drug preparation.

28 (5) Shorter dating than set forth in this subdivision may be used if it is deemed
appropriate in the professional judgment of the responsible pharmacist.

29. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a) states:

(a) For each compounded drug preparation, pharmacy records shall include:

(1) The master formula document.

(2) A compounding log consisting of a single document containing all of the

1 following:

2 (A) Name and Strength of the compounded drug preparation.

3 (B) The date the drug preparation was compounded.

4 (C) The identity of any pharmacy personnel engaged in
compounding the drug preparation.

5 (D) The identity of the pharmacist reviewing the final drug
6 preparation.

7 (E) The quantity of each ingredient used in compounding the drug
preparation.

8 (F) The manufacturer, expiration date and lot number of each
9 component. If the manufacturer name is demonstrably unavailable, the name of the
10 supplier may be substituted. If the manufacturer does not supply an expiration date
for any component, the records shall include the date of receipt of the component in
the pharmacy, and the limitations of section 1735.2, subdivision (l) shall apply.

11 (i) Exempt from the requirements in this paragraph
12 (1735.3(a)(2)(F)) are sterile preparations compounded in a single lot for
administration within seventy-two (72) hours to a patient in a health care facility
13 licensed under section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code and stored in accordance
with standards for "Redispatched CSPs" found in Chapter 797 of the United States
14 Pharmacopeia - National Formulary (USP37-NF32) Through 2nd Supplement (37th
Revision, Effective December 1, 2014), hereby incorporated by reference.

15 (G) A pharmacy-assigned unique reference or lot number for the
16 compounded drug preparation.

17 (H) The beyond use date or beyond use date and time of the final
18 compounded drug preparation, expressed in the compounding document in a standard
date and time format.

19 (I) The final quantity or amount of drug preparation compounded for
20 dispensing.

21 (J) Documentation of quality reviews and required post-
compounding process and procedures.

22 30. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.4, subdivision (a) states:

23 (a) Each compounded drug preparation shall be affixed with a container label
24 prior to dispensing that contains at least:

25 (1) Name of the compounding pharmacy and dispensing pharmacy (if
different);

26 (2) Name (brand or generic) and strength, volume, or weight of each active
27 ingredient. For admixed IV solutions, the intravenous solution utilized shall be
included;

28 (3) Instructions for storage, handling, and administration. For admixed IV

solutions, the rate of infusion shall be included;

(4) The beyond use date for the drug preparation;

(5) The date compounded; and

(6) The lot number or pharmacy reference number.

31. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5 states:

(a) Any pharmacy engaged in compounding shall maintain written policies and procedures for compounding that establishes procurement procedures, methodologies for the formulation and compounding of drugs, facilities and equipment cleaning, maintenance, operation, and other standard operating procedures related to compounding. Any material failure to follow the pharmacy's written policies and procedures shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action.

...

(c) The policies and procedures shall include at least the following:

...

(3) Procedures for maintaining, storing, calibrating, cleaning, and disinfecting equipment used in compounding, and for training on these procedures as part of the staff training and competency evaluation process.

(4) Procedures for evaluating, maintaining, certifying, cleaning, and disinfecting the facility (physical plant) used for compounding, and for training on these procedures as part of the staff training and competency evaluation process.

...

32. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.6 states:

...

(b) Any equipment used to compound drug preparations shall be stored, used, maintained, and cleaned in accordance with manufacturers' specifications.

...

(e) Hazardous drug compounding shall be completed in an externally exhausted physically separate room with the following requirements:

(1) Minimum of 30 air changes per hour except that 12 air changes per hour are acceptable for segregated compounding areas with a BSC or CACI when products are assigned a BUD of 12 hours or less or when non sterile products are compounded; and

(2) Maintained at a negative pressure of 0.01 to 0.03 inches of water column relative to all adjacent spaces (rooms, above ceiling, and corridors); and

(3)

1 (A) For sterile compounding, each BSC or CACI shall be externally exhausted.

2 (B) For nonsterile compounding, a BSC, a CACI, or other containment
3 ventilated enclosure shall be used and shall either use a redundant-HEPA filter in
4 series or be externally exhausted. For purposes of this paragraph, a containment
5 ventilated enclosure means a full or partial enclosure that uses ventilation principles
6 to capture, contain, and remove airborne contaminants through high-efficiency
7 particulate air (HEPA) filtration and to prevent their release into the work
8 environment.

9 (4) All surfaces within the room shall be smooth, seamless, impervious, and
10 non-shedding.

11 33. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.7 states:

12 (a) A pharmacy engaged in compounding shall maintain documentation
13 demonstrating that personnel involved in compounding have the skills and training
14 required to properly and accurately perform their assigned responsibilities and
15 documentation demonstrating that all personnel involved in compounding are trained
16 in all aspects of policies and procedures. This training shall include but is not limited
17 to support personnel (e.g. institutional environmental services, housekeeping),
18 maintenance staff, supervising pharmacist and all others whose jobs are related to the
19 compounding process.

20 (b) The pharmacy shall develop and maintain an on-going competency
21 evaluation process for pharmacy personnel involved in compounding, and shall
22 maintain documentation of any and all training related to compounding undertaken by
23 pharmacy personnel.

24 34. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.8 states:

25 ...

26 (b) The quality assurance plan shall include written procedures for verification,
27 monitoring, and review of the adequacy of the compounding processes and shall also
28 include written documentation of review of those processes by qualified pharmacy
personnel.

(c) The quality assurance plan shall include written standards for qualitative and
quantitative analysis of compounded drug preparations to ensure integrity, potency,
quality, and labeled strength, including the frequency of testing. All qualitative and
quantitative analysis reports for compounded drug preparations shall be retained by
the pharmacy and maintained along with the compounding log and master formula
document. The quality assurance plan shall include a schedule for routine testing and
analysis of specified compounded drug preparations to ensure integrity, potency,
quality, and labeled strength, on at least an annual basis.

35. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.3, subdivision (a), states:

(a) Any pharmacy engaged in compounding sterile drug preparations shall
maintain written policies and procedures for compounding. Any material failure to
follow the pharmacy's written policies and procedures shall constitute a basis for
disciplinary action. In addition to the elements required by section 1735.5, there shall
be written policies and procedures regarding the following:

(1) Action levels for colony-forming units (CFUs) detected during viable

1 surface sampling, glove fingertip, and viable air sampling and actions to be taken
when the levels are exceeded.

2 (2) Airflow considerations and pressure differential monitoring.

3 (3) An environmental sampling plan and procedures specific to viable air,
4 surface and gloved fingertip sampling as well as nonviable particle sampling.

5 (4) Cleaning and maintenance of ISO environments and segregated
6 compounding areas.

7 (5) Compounded sterile drug preparation stability and beyond use dating.

8 (6) Compounding, filling, and labeling of sterile drug preparations.

9 (7) Daily and monthly cleaning and disinfection schedule for the controlled
10 areas and any equipment in the controlled area as specified in section 1751.4.

11 (8) Depyrogenation of glassware (if applicable)

12 (9) Facility management including certification and maintenance of controlled
13 environments and related equipment.

14 (10) For compounding aseptic isolators and compounding aseptic containment
15 isolators, documentation of the manufacturer's recommended purge time.

16 (11) Hand hygiene and garbing.

17 (12) Labeling of the sterile compounded drug preparations based on the
18 intended route of administration and recommended rate of administration.

19 (13) Methods by which the supervising pharmacist will fulfill his or her
20 responsibility to ensure the quality of compounded drug preparations.

21 (14) Orientation, training, and competency evaluation of staff in all aspects of
22 the preparation of sterile drug preparations including didactic training and
23 knowledge/competency assessments that include at minimum: hand hygiene and
24 garbing; decontamination (where applicable); cleaning and disinfection of controlled
25 compounding areas; and proper aseptic technique, demonstrated through the use of a
26 media-fill test performed by applicable personnel; and aseptic area practices.

27 (15) Preparing sterile compounded drug preparations from non-sterile
28 components (if applicable). This shall include sterilization method suitability testing
for each master formula document.

(16) Procedures for handling, compounding and disposal of hazardous agents.
The written policies and procedures shall describe the pharmacy protocols for
cleanups and spills in conformity with local health jurisdiction standards.

(17) Procedures for handling, compounding and disposal of infectious
materials. The written policies and procedures shall describe the pharmacy protocols
for cleanups and spills in conformity with local health jurisdiction standards.

(18) Proper use of equipment and supplies.

(19) Quality assurance program compliant with sections 1711, 1735.8 and

1751.7.

(20) Record keeping requirements.

(21) Temperature monitoring in compounding and controlled storage areas.

(22) The determination and approval by a pharmacist of ingredients and the compounding process for each preparation before compounding begins.

(23) Use of automated compounding devices (if applicable).

(24) Visual inspection and other final quality checks of sterile drug preparations.

36. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.4 states:

...

(d) Cleaning shall be done using a germicidal detergent and sterile water. The use of a sporicidal agent is required to be used at least monthly.

(1) All ISO Class 5 surfaces, work table surfaces, carts, counters, and the cleanroom floor shall be cleaned at least daily. After each cleaning, disinfection using a suitable sterile agent shall occur on all ISO Class 5 surfaces, work table surfaces, carts, and counters.

(2) Walls, ceilings, storage shelving, tables, stools, and all other items in the ISO Class 7 or ISO Class 8 environment shall be cleaned at least monthly.

(3) Cleaning shall also occur after any unanticipated event that could increase the risk of contamination.

(4) All cleaning materials, such as wipers, sponges, and mops, shall be non-shedding and dedicated to use in the cleanroom, or ante-area, and segregated sterile compounding areas and shall not be removed from these areas except for disposal.

...

(g) Pharmacies preparing sterile hazardous agents shall do so in accordance with Section 505.7.1 of Title 24, Chapter 5, of the California Code of Regulations, requiring a negative pressure PEC. Additionally, each PEC used to compound hazardous agents shall be externally vented. The negative pressure PEC must be certified every six months by a qualified technician who is familiar with CETA Certification Guide for Sterile Compounding Facilities (CAG-003-2006-13, Revised May 20, 2015), which is hereby incorporated by reference. Any drug preparation that is compounded in a PEC where hazardous drugs are prepared must be labeled as hazardous, regardless of whether the drug ingredients are considered hazardous.

(1) During the hazardous drug compounding that is performed in a compounding aseptic containment isolator, full hand hygiene and garbing must occur. Garbing shall include hair cover, facemask, beard cover (if applicable), polypropylene or low shedding gown that closes in the back, shoe covers, and two pairs of sterile ASTM D6978-05 standard gloves.

...

1 (k) The sterile compounding area in the pharmacy shall have a comfortable and
2 well-lighted working environment, which typically includes a room temperature of 20
3 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit) or cooler to maintain comfortable conditions
4 for compounding personnel when attired in the required compounding garb.

5 ...

6 37. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7 states:

7 ...

8 (c) All sterile compounding personnel must successfully complete an initial
9 competency evaluation. In addition, immediately following the initial hand hygiene
10 and garbing procedure, each individual who may be required to do so in practice must
11 successfully complete a gloved fingertip (all fingers on both hands) sampling
12 procedure (zero colony forming units for both hands) at least three times before
13 initially being allowed to compound sterile drug preparations.

14 ...

15 (e)

16 (1) Batch-produced sterile drug preparations compounded from one or more
17 non-sterile ingredients, except as provided in paragraph (2), shall be subject to
18 documented end product testing for sterility and pyrogens and shall be quarantined
19 until the end product testing confirms sterility and acceptable levels of pyrogens.
20 Sterility testing shall be USP chapter 71 compliant and pyrogens testing shall confirm
21 acceptable levels of pyrogens per USP chapter 85 limits, before dispensing. This
22 requirement of end product testing confirming sterility and acceptable levels of
23 pyrogens prior to dispensing shall apply regardless of any sterility or pyrogen testing
24 that may have been conducted on any ingredient or combination of ingredients that
25 were previously non-sterile. Exempt from pyrogen testing are topical ophthalmic and
26 inhalation preparations.

27 38. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.8, subdivision (a), states:

28 In conformity with and in addition to the requirements and limitations of
section 1735.2, subdivision (h), every sterile compounded drug preparation shall be
given and labeled with a beyond use date that does not exceed the shortest expiration
date or beyond use date of any ingredient in sterile compounded drug preparation, nor
the chemical stability of any one ingredient in the sterile compounded drug
preparation, nor the chemical stability of the combination of all ingredients in the
sterile compounded drug preparation, and that, in the absence of passing a sterility
test in accordance with standards for sterility testing found in Chapter 797 of the
United States Pharmacopeia - National Formulary (USP37-NF32) Through 2nd
Supplement (37th Revision, Effective December 1, 2014), hereby incorporated by
reference, that would justify an extended beyond use date, conforms to the following
limitations:

(a) The beyond use date shall specify that storage and exposure periods cannot
exceed 48 hours at controlled room temperature, 14 days at controlled cold
temperature, and 45 days in solid frozen state, where the sterile compounded drug
preparation is compounded solely with aseptic manipulations and all of the following
apply:

1 (1) The preparation is compounded entirely within an ISO Class 5 PEC located
2 in an ISO Class 7 cleanroom with an ante-area or compounded entirely within a CAI
3 which meets the requirements in 1751.4(f)(1)-(3), using only sterile ingredients,
4 products, components, and devices; and

5 (2) The compounding process involves transferring, measuring, and mixing
6 manipulations using not more than three commercially manufactured packages of
7 sterile preparations and not more than two entries into any one sterile container or
8 package of sterile preparations or administration containers/devices to prepare the
9 preparation; and

10 (3) Compounding manipulations are limited to aseptically opening ampules,
11 penetrating disinfected stoppers on vials with sterile needles and syringes or spiked
12 transfer devices, and transferring sterile liquids in sterile syringes to sterile
13 administration devices, package containers of other sterile preparations, and
14 containers for storage dispensing.

15 (b) The beyond use date shall specify that storage and exposure periods cannot
16 exceed 30 hours at controlled room temperature, 9 days at controlled cold
17 temperature, and 45 days in solid frozen state, where the sterile compounded drug
18 preparation is compounded solely with aseptic manipulations and all of the following
19 apply:

20 (1) The preparation is compounded entirely within an ISO Class 5 PEC located
21 in an ISO Class 7 cleanroom with an ante-area or compounded entirely within a CAI
22 which meets the requirements in 1751.4(f)(1)-(3), using multiple individual or small
23 doses of sterile preparations combined or pooled to prepare a compounded sterile
24 preparation that will be administered either to multiple patients or to one patient on
25 multiple occasions; and

26 (2) The compounding process involves complex aseptic manipulations other
27 than the single-volume transfer; and

28 (3) The compounding process requires unusually long duration such as that
required to complete dissolution or homogenous mixing.

(c) The beyond use date shall specify that storage and exposure periods cannot
exceed 24 hours at controlled room temperature, 3 days at controlled cold
temperature, and 45 days in solid frozen state, where the sterile compounded drug
preparation is compounded solely with aseptic manipulations using non-sterile
ingredients, regardless of intervening sterilization of that ingredient and the following
applies:

(1) The preparation is compounded entirely within an ISO Class 5 PEC located
in an ISO Class 7 cleanroom with an ante-area or compounded entirely within a CAI
which meets the requirements in 1751.4(f)(1)-(3).

(d) The beyond use date shall specify that storage and exposure periods cannot
exceed 12 hours where the sterile compounded drug preparation is compounded
solely with aseptic manipulations and all of the following apply:

(1) The preparation was compounded entirely within an ISO Class 5 PEC that is
located in a segregated sterile compounding area and restricted to sterile
compounding activities, using only sterile ingredients, components, and devices, by
personnel properly cleansed and garbed; and

1 (2) The compounding process involves simple transfer of not more than three
2 commercially manufactured packages of sterile nonhazardous preparations or
diagnostic radiopharmaceutical preparations from the manufacturer's original
containers; and

3 (3) The compounding process involves not more than two entries into any one
4 container or package (e.g., bag, vial) of sterile infusion solution or administration
container/device.

5 (e) Where any sterile compounded drug preparation was compounded either
6 outside of an ISO class 5 PEC or under conditions that do not meet all of the
7 requirements for any of subdivisions (a) through (d), the sterile compounded drug
8 preparation shall be labeled "for immediate use only" and administration shall begin
9 no later than one hour following the start of the compounding process. Unless the
10 "immediate use" preparation is immediately and completely administered by the
11 person who prepared it or immediate and complete administration is witnessed by the
12 preparer, the preparation shall bear a label listing patient identification information,
13 the names and amounts of all ingredients, the name or initials of the person who
14 prepared the compounded sterile preparation, and the exact one-hour beyond use date
15 and time. If administration has not begun within one hour following the start of the
16 compounding process, the compounded sterile preparation shall be promptly,
17 properly, entirely, and safely discarded. This provision does not preclude the use of a
18 PEC to compound an "immediate use" preparation. A PEC used solely to compound
19 'immediate use' preparations need not be placed within an ISO Class 7 cleanroom,
20 with an ante-area. Such "immediate use" preparations shall be compounded only in
21 those limited situations where there is a need for immediate administration of a sterile
22 preparation compounded outside of an ISO class 5 environment and where failure to
23 administer could result in loss of life or intense suffering. Any such compounding
24 shall be only in such quantity as is necessary to meet the immediate need and the
25 circumstance causing the immediate need shall be documented in accordance with
26 policies and procedures.

27 (f) The beyond use date for any compounded allergen extracts shall be the
28 earliest manufacturer expiration date of the individual allergen extracts.

39. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.9 states:

...

(b) Unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer, any single-dose container
of a compounded sterile drug preparation other than an ampule, such as a bag, bottle,
syringe or vial, shall be used in its entirety or its remaining contents shall be labeled
with a beyond use date and discarded within the following time limit, depending on
the environment:

(1) When needle-punctured in an environment with air quality worse than ISO
Class 5, within one (1) hour;

(2) When needle-punctured in an environment with ISO Class 5 or better air
quality, within six (6) hours. A container must remain within the ISO Class 5 or better
air quality to be used for the full six hours, unless otherwise specified by the
manufacturer.

(3) If the puncture time is not noted on the container, the container must
immediately be discarded.

1 (c) Unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer, a multi-dose container
2 stored according to the manufacturer's specifications shall be used in its entirety or its
3 remaining contents shall be labeled with a beyond use date and discarded within
4 twenty eight (28) days from initial opening or puncture. Any multi-dose container not
5 stored according to the manufacturer's specifications shall be discarded immediately
6 upon identification of such storage circumstance. If any open container is not labeled
7 with a beyond use date or the beyond use date is not correct, the container must
8 immediately be discarded.

9 40. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761, subdivision (a), states:

10 No pharmacist shall compound or dispense any prescription which contains any
11 significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration. Upon
12 receipt of any such prescription, the pharmacist shall contact the prescriber to obtain
13 the information needed to validate the prescription.

14 COST RECOVERY

15 41. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
16 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
17 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
18 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being
19 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
20 included in a stipulated settlement.

21 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

22 42. On or about June 22, 2020, the Board received a complaint from MS alleging that
23 Respondents incorrectly compounded Amlodipine, which resulted in the death of MS's dog.
24 Amlodipine is used to treat high blood pressure and is a dangerous drug under Code section 4022.

25 43. On or about June 16, 2020, Respondent received a prescription for "Amlodipine 1.25
26 mg tab, 1 tablet orally every 24 hours #60, 4 refills." Respondent spoke with the veterinarian and
27 the prescription was changed to "2.5 mg/ml liquid, give 0.5 ml orally every 24 hours, #30 + 4
28 refills." MS picked up the compound from Respondent on June 16, 2020.

44. On or about June 17, 2020, at approximately 9:00 a.m., MS gave the dog "Muffy" the
first dose from the compounded Amlodipine. At 10:55 a.m., Muffy cried out and collapsed.
Muffy was conscious but was not exhibiting "normal behavior." MS stated that it was like Muffy
"was in a daze." MS took Muffy to the veterinarian right away. The veterinarian took an x-ray of
Muffy's lungs and listened to her heart and told MS to take Muffy to an emergency (ER)

1 veterinarian. MS went to the emergency veterinarian immediately and on the drive there Muffy
2 collapsed in MS's lap. The ER veterinarian stated that Muffy had extremely low blood pressure
3 and started her on fluids to keep Muffy's pressure up. Muffy stayed at the hospital, and MS had
4 hoped that she would be ok. However, when MS called the veterinarian later that day she was
5 told Muffy's blood pressure dropped every time they backed off the fluids, but the fluids were
6 overwhelming Muffy's kidneys. The veterinarian had contacted poison control and was told the
7 half-life of Amlodipine was 70 hours.

8 45. On Thursday, June 18, 2020, the ER veterinarian called MS and asked if she wanted
9 to continue treatment for Muffy. Muffy had "profound collapse" and her renal function was "way
10 off the charts." MS requested the treatment continue because Muffy had been fine before being
11 given the dose of Amlodipine. MS was hoping if the Amlodipine could get out of her system
12 Muffy could recover. MS was very emotional and explained that by Friday, June 19, 2020, the
13 decision was made to euthanize Muffy. All of Muffy's systems had shut down and the
14 veterinarian told MS that Muffy was suffering.

15 46. MS sent the Amlodipine compound to the veterinary lab at UC Davis and the lab
16 reported the concentration of Amlodipine was 160mg/ml, while the label on the Amlodipine was
17 listed as 2.5 mg/ml. Based on the results of an independent California Animal Health and Food
18 Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory, the Amlodipine suspension prepared for Muffy (RX #519037)
19 contained 160mg/ml of Amlodipine instead of the 2.5mg/ml prescribed. An overexposure of the
20 drug to this extent would likely correlate with the dramatic symptoms Muffy experienced
21 immediately after receiving a dose of the drug, and ultimately her demise.

22 47. Based upon the complaint and the information concerning Muffy, an investigation
23 was commenced and documents were requested from Respondents. In addition to other
24 documents, Respondents provided a copy of the compounding records for the Amlodipine. The
25 documents provided by Respondents established the following.

26 i. The master formula that did not include the quality review required at each step
27 in the preparation of the Amlodipine 2.5 mg/ml aqueous suspension 30 ml.

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1 ii. The NDC number and lot number for Amlodipine Besylate 10 mg tablets
2 recorded on the compounding log did not match the NDC number and lot number noted on the
3 Master Formula. The NDC number on the compounding log was not the NDC number on the
4 bottle of Amlodipine 10 mg tablets and the lot number on the compounding log was the lot
5 number for Amlodipine powder, not tablets.

6 iii. Documentation of training and competencies for RPH Sina Faton (RPH 76333)
7 included one compounding competency demonstration on July 3, 2017. The other competency
8 documentation for RPH Faton was her signature on a procedure for checking a compounded
9 prescription. There was no documentation of on-going competency evaluations for all policies
10 and procedures involved in compounding.

11 iv. Documentation of training and competencies for TCH Lily Negrete (TCH
12 115459) included three compounding personnel competency demonstrations in 2020. There was
13 no documentation of training or on-going competency evaluations for all policies and procedures
14 involved in compounding.

15 **STERILE COMPOUNDING RENEWAL INSPECTION**

16 48. On or about July 31, 2020, Board inspectors conducted a sterile compounding
17 renewal inspection. Thereafter on or about September 11, 2020, September 20, 2021, and
18 February 28, 2022, Board inspectors conducted follow-up inspections. On or about September
19 12, 2022, a Board inspector conducted an additional sterile compounding renewal inspection.

20 49. Following the inspections, Board issued Orders of Correction and Written Notices
21 that included a number of violations of pharmacy law. These violations are listed in the Seventh
22 through Thirty-Fifth causes for discipline, listed below.

23 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 **(Variation from Prescription Against All Respondents)**

25 50. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for
26 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1716, for deviating from the
27 requirements of a prescription for dispensing Amlodipine 160 mg/ml instead of the prescribed 2.5
28 mg/ml, as set forth in paragraphs 42 through 47, which are incorporated herein by reference.

1 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Failure to Comply with Regulations Against All Respondents)**

3 51. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
4 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2 (e), for using a master formula
5 that did not include the quality review required at each step in the preparation of the Amlodipine
6 2.5 mg/ml aqueous suspension 30 ml, as set forth in paragraphs 42 through 47, which are
7 incorporated herein by reference.

8 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

9 **(Failure to Keep Accurate Record Keeping for Compounded Drugs Against All**
10 **Respondents)**

11 52. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
12 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a)(2), in that the
13 NDC number and lot number for Amlodipine Besylate 10 mg tablets recorded on the
14 compounding log did not match the NDC number and lot number noted on the Master Formula.
15 The NDC number on the compounding log was not the NDC number on the bottle of Amlodipine
16 10 mg tablets and the lot number on the compounding log was the lot number for Amlodipine
17 powder, not tablets, as set forth in paragraphs 42 through 47, which are incorporated herein by
18 reference.

19 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

20 **(Failure to Train Compounding Staff Against All Respondents)**

21 53. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
22 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.7, subdivision (a), section 1735.7,
23 subdivision (b) and section 1735, subdivisions (c)(3) and (4), for failing to train compounding
24 staff as follows:

25 i. Documentation of training and competencies for RPH Sina Faton (RPH 76333)
26 included one compounding competency demonstration on July 3, 2017. The other competency
27 documentation for RPH Faton was her signature on a procedure for checking a compounded
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1 prescription. There was no documentation of on-going competency evaluations for all policies
2 and procedures involved in compounding.

3 ii. Documentation of training and competencies for TCH Lily Negrete (TCH
4 115459) included three compounding personnel competency demonstrations in 2020. There was
5 no documentation of training or on-going competency evaluations for all policies and procedures
6 involved in compounding.

7 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

8 **(Defective Compounding Quality Assurance Plan Against All Respondents)**

9 54. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
10 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.8, subdivision (c), in that
11 Respondents' Quality Assurance Plan for Non-Sterile Preparations did not include a schedule for
12 routine testing and analysis of specified compounded drug preparations to ensure integrity,
13 potency, quality, and labeled strength, as set forth in paragraphs 42 through 47, which are
14 incorporated herein by reference.

15 **SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Unprofessional Conduct Against Respondent Maii El-Shatanoufy)**

17 55. Respondent Maii El-Shatanoufy is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections
18 4301(o) and (j), and Code section 4306.5 subdivision (a), for unprofessional conduct, in that
19 Respondent Maii El-Shatanoufy did not ensure good compounding processes that were compliant
20 with pharmacy law, which resulted in an error in the preparation of Amlodipine suspension and
21 the demise of a dog, as set forth in paragraphs 42 through 47, which are incorporated herein by
22 reference. Furthermore, Respondent El-Shatanoufy failed to appropriately exercise her education,
23 training, and/or experience as explained in paragraphs 56 through 83 below, which are
24 incorporated herein by reference.

25 **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 **(Unlicensed Pharmacy Practice: Incorrect Public Signage Against All Respondents)**

27 56. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o) and (j),
28 and Code section 4110, subdivision (a), in that Respondents failed to display the licensed name of

1 “San Diego Optimum Compounding” during the inspections on September 11, 2020, September
2 20, 2021, and February 28, 2022.

3 **EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Failure to Comply with Compounding Standards Against All Respondents)**

5 57. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o) and (j),
6 and Code section 4126.8 in that Respondents was not compliant with United States Pharmacopeia
7 (USP)-National Formulary standard when at least the following occurred:

- 8 a. Gowns used for compounding were stored for reuse beyond the same shift.
9 b. Hair covers were stored for reuse.
10 c. During pre-sterilization steps were performed outside an ISO 8 environment.
11 d. Respondents failed to perform the required initial competency for individual
12 involved with compounding.
13 e. Respondents assigned a 45 day beyond use date for frozen Glycerin
14 compounds, however Glycerin cannot freeze at temperatures available in the pharmacy.
15 f. Viable sampling required three samples to be taken and only two were ever
16 done.
17 g. Respondents assigned a 45 day beyond use date for frozen olive oil; however,
18 olive oil cannot freeze at the temperatures available in the pharmacy.

19 **NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

20 **(Unauthorized Dispensing Against All Respondents)**

21 58. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o) and (j),
22 and Code section 4059, subdivision (a) in that Respondents dispensed the following six
23 prescriptions between September 1, 2021, and January 20, 2022, written by RG, an unauthorized
24 person who is licensed esthetician:

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DRUG NAME	DOC NAME	RX NBR	RX DATE
TLC-2 AESTHETICS SL CREAM	RG	544670	1/17/2022
BENZ/LIDO/TETR 20-6-8% T CR	RG	541886	10/26/2021
TLC-4 Aesthetics SL cream	RG	544669	1/17/2022
Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream	RG	541437	1/11/2022

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Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream	RG	541437	10/13/2021
Bernardo SPECIAL LIGHT.CR.	RG	531975	10/27/2021

TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct-Making False Records Against All Respondents)

59. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (g), in that during inspection on at least September 20, 2021, February 28, 2022, and September 12, 2022, Respondents' records were misleading as to the date a preparation was compounded as to the following:

a. Atropine 0.01% made September 15, 2021, but records showed it was made on September 20, 2021.

b. Compounding log for Iodine in almond oil RX 539474 stated it was made on September 20, 2021, however according to PIC El-Shatanoufy and TCH Moyer it was made on September 17, 2021.

c. Compounding log for Atropine 0.01% lot 210617@0.01CM for 60ml X 5 stated it was made on September 20, 2021, however according to PIC El-Shatanoufy and TCH Moyer it was made on September 17, 2021.

d. Compounding log showed lot 220228@0.2%CM, was made on February 25, 2022, but logged by CM on February 28, 2022.

e. Compounding log showed lot 220228@0.02CM was made on February 25, 2022, but logged by CM on February 28, 2022.

f. Compounding log showed lot 220228@0.06CM was made on February 25, 2022, but logged by CM on February 28, 2022.

g. Compounding order for lot 220228@1CM was made on February 25, 2022, but logged by CM on February 28, 2022.

h. Compounding log showed lot 220228@2CM was made on February 25, 2022, but logged by CM on February 28, 2022.

i. Compounding log showed lot 220228@30CM was made on February 25, 2022, but logged by CM on February 28, 2022.

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1 j. PIC El-Shatanoufy sent an email to the Board dated February 2, 2021, which
2 stated RG was a Physician's Assistant, when in fact RG was a licensed esthetician.

3 k. Rx 546128, for Haloperidol 1mg/ml oral, BUD 3/11/22. Compounding log
4 showed it was made on February 25, 2022, but beyond use date was assigned as if it was
5 compounded on February 28, 2022. It was logged by TCH Moyer as compounded on February
6 28, 2022.

7 l. Training records provided on May 18, 2022, did not match records reviewed
8 during the inspection on February 28, 2022.

9 m. On September 22, 2022, records related to Rx 553269 were obtained however,
10 on October 27, 2022, the records received were inconsistent and false in that documents showed a
11 different route of administration.

12 n. On October 27, 2022, when Respondent El-Shatanoufy provided a statement
13 that no sterile product were dispensed from October 1, 2022, to October 25, 2022, this was a false
14 statement for at least Hydroxocobalamin 20mg inj/sol Lot: 220930@9:45NM, which records
15 show was dispensed after October 1, 2022.

16 **ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

17 **(Failure to Maintain Facilities, Space, Fixtures, and Equipment Against All Respondents)**

18 60. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
19 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1714, subdivisions (b) and (c), in that
20 during the inspections on July 31, 2020, September 11, 2020, September 20, 2021, and February
21 28, 2022, the pharmacy was found to be cluttered, in disarray, and was not maintained in a clean
22 and orderly manner. Additionally, there was no sink dedicated for pharmaceutical purposes.

23 **TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 **(Variations from Prescriptions Against All Respondents)**

25 61. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
26 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1716, in that Respondents deviated
27 from the requirements of the prescription as follows:

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RX NBR	RX DATE	DRUG NAME	Dispensed as	Requirements of a Prescription
544670	1/17/22	TLC-2 AESTHETICS SL CREAM	Filled under RG, PA Filled as apply as directed to face every night at bedtime (must wear sunscreen > 50 SPF in the morning.)	Written by Dr. SS Directions for use: apply as directed to face QHS. Must wear sunscreen 30 or higher QAM.
544060	1/2/22	Apoquel 1.8mg/ml OO Susp	Oclacitinib tablet (Apoquel) were crush and labeled still as the branded product. Log show 60 (3.6mg tablet used) 316mg in ~61.2ml = 3.53mg/ml soln.	Written for Oclacitinib 1.8mg/ml
531975	10/27/21	Bernardo SPECIAL LIGHT.CR.	Filled under RG	Rx shows EV
553269	8/30/22	Dexamethasone	Dexamethasone 24mg/ml Otic solution	3 SOL Injection Dexamethasone 24mg/ml PF inj
542229	9/6/22	Gentamicin 0.4mg/ml	2 vials of 500ml	1 vial of 1,000ml.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dispensing Erroneous or Uncertain Prescriptions Against All Respondents)

62. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1761, subdivision (a) in that the following prescriptions were compounded and dispensed with significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity, or alteration:

RX NBR	RX DATE	DRUG NAME	Significant error, omission, irregularity, uncertainty, ambiguity or alteration
542609	11/16/2021	Glycerin48% IN Lido:Epi sol	No directions for use
544670	1/17/2022	TLC-2 AESTHETICS SL CREAM	Dispensed under an unauthorized prescriber
541886	10/26/2021	BENZ/LIDO/TETR 20-6-8% T CR	Dispensed under an unauthorized prescriber
544669	1/17/2022	TLC-4 Aesthetics SL cream	Dispensed under an unauthorized prescriber
541437	1/11/2022	Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream	Dispensed under an unauthorized prescriber
541437	10/13/2021	Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream	Dispensed under an unauthorized prescriber
531975	10/27/2021	Bernardo SPECIAL LIGHT.CR.	Dispensed under an unauthorized prescriber

1 **FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Unlawful Office Dispensing Against All Respondents)**

3 63. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
4 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2, subdivision (c), in that
5 Respondents dispensed Rx 541886 for “BENZ/LIDO/TETR 20-6-8% T CR” 30 mg two jars for
6 office dispensing, and no patient specific prescriptions were provided.

7 **FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

8 **(Unlawful Assignment of Beyond Use Date (BUD): Non-sterile Preparations Against All**
9 **Respondents)**

10 64. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
11 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2, subdivision (i)(1), in that on or
12 about February 25, 2022, Respondents compounded haloperidol 1mg/ml oral (RX No. 546128)
13 and assigned a seventeen day BUD, instead of the required fourteen day BUD.

14 **SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 **(Failure to Assign an Appropriate BUD: Sterile Preparations Against All Respondents)**

16 65. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
17 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1751.8 and 1735.2, subdivision (i)(2)
18 in that the following sterile preparations were assigned an inappropriate BUD:

number	Date	Drug
unknown	5/13/21	Voriconazole 10mg/ml eye drop
524252	2/25/20	Vancomycin 25mg/ml ophth
526200	5/28/20	Vancomycin 25mg/ml ophth
527877	7/31/20	Vancomycin 25mg/ml ophth
525014	3/24/20	Azelaci Acid 16.5% Top Gel
525371	4/15/20	Amphotericin 0.15% eye drop
543458	12/12/21	Fluorouracil-5 1% eye drops
545255	2/25/22	Piperacillin +Taz 12.5mg/ml
545237	2/25/22	Tobramycin 14mg/ml drops
546161	2/28/22	Chlorhexidine 0.02% drops
533358	10/27/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
534254	12/17/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
535446	11/1/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
535448	9/10/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
537808	11/11/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
538820	10/28/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
540493	10/26/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
540831	1/4/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop

541086	12/9/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
541995	12/21/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
545964	2/22/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
545679	2/13/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
546117	2/24/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
545509	2/9/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
546004	2/22/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
526427	6/8/20	BiMix 5:30 injection
531133	11/24/20	hydroxocobalamin 25ml/ ml
544661	1/17/22	hydroxocobalamin 25ml/ ml
541834	1/28/22	hydroxocobalamin 30ml/ ml
527383	7/14/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml
527427	7/15/20	Glutathione 200mg/ml
525290	7/17/20	Glutathione 200mg/ml
527558	7/20/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml
525281	7/21/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml
unknown	7/22/20	Glutathione 500mg/ml
526231	5/29/20	Glycerin72% + Lido:epi 2:1 inj

SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Support an Assigned Extended BUD Against All Respondents)

66. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.2, subdivision (i) in that the following compounds were assigned an extended BUD without the support of method suitability test, container closure integrity test, and stability studies:

Number	Date	Drug	Compounding review Lot number
533358	10/27/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211027@0.01CM
534254	12/17/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211217@0.01CM
535446	11/1/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211104@0.01MS
535448	9/10/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 210914@0.01CM
537808	11/11/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211110@0.01CM
538820	10/28/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211027@0.01CM
540493	10/26/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211025@0.01CM
540831	1/4/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 2210103@0.01CM
541086	12/9/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211215@0.01CM
541995	12/21/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211221@0.01CM
545964	2/22/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 220225@0.01CM
546117	2/24/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	unknown lot

546004	2/22/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	unknown lot
549249	9/8/22	Atropine 0.025% Eye Drop	Lot 220930@0.03CM
552216	9/30/22	Atropine 0.03% Eye Drop	Lot: 220927@0.01CM
547990	9/29/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 220929@0.02CM
546753	9/30/22	Atropine 0.02% Eye Drop	Lot 220930@0.05CM
541813	9/29/22	Atropine 0.05% Eye Drop	Lot 220930@0.03CM

In addition, 2,103 prescriptions for 13,909ml (2,782 bottles) of Atropine 0.01% eye drops dispensed from at least October 1, 2021, to January 20, 2022, were assigned an extended BUD without the support of support of method suitability test, container closure integrity test, and stability studies.

EIGHTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Keep Required Records of Compounding: Incomplete Compounding Log Against All Respondents)

67. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a), in that the following were incomplete compounding logs:

Number	Date	Drug	Compounding Review Lot Number
526427	6/8/20	BiMix 5:30 injection	Lot:200608@4:43NM
528763	8/28/20	Mitomycin 0.2ml ophth	Lot: 200828@1:20NM
Unknown	6/23/20	Glutathione 500mg/ml	Lot: 200623@3CM
527383	7/14/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml	Lot: 200715@12:27NM
527427	7/15/20	Glutathione 200mg/ml	Lot: 200721@9:32NM
525290	7/17/20	Glutathione 200mg/ml	Lot: 200720@3:08NM
527558	7/20/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml	Lot: 200722@4:05NM
525281	7/21/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml	Lot: 200722@4:05NM
unknown	7/22/20	Glutathione 500mg/ml	Lot: 200722@3MS
526231	5/29/20	Glycerin72% + Lido:epi 2:1 inj	Lot:200601@2:17NM
527804	7/29/20	Azithromycin 100mg/ml inhalation	Lot 200731@3:50NM
unknown	5/13/21	Voriconazole 10mg/ml eye drop	Lot: 210513@2:18NM
524252	2/25/20	Vancomycin 25mg/ml ophth	No lot number

1	526200	5/28/20	Vancomycin 25mg/ml ophth	No lot number
	525014	3/24/20	Azelaci Acid 16.5% Top Gel	Lot: 900604@4:15LN
2	525627	4/29/20	Naltrexone 0.5 IR caps	Lot: 20056@6MS
	525854	5/11/20	Ketamine 150mg/ml nasal	Lot: 200502@NM
3	525371	4/15/20	Amphotericin 0.15% eye drop	Lot: 200526@NM
4	531133	11/24/20	hydroxocobalamin 25ml/ ml	Lot:210909@25CM
	544661	1/17/22	hydroxocobalamin 25ml/ ml	Lot 220120@25CM10
5	541834	1/28/22	hydroxocobalamin 30ml/ ml	Lot 220201@30CM
6	533358	10/27/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211027@0.01CM
7	534254	12/17/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211217@0.01CM
	535446	11/1/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211104@0.01MS
8	535448	9/10/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 210914@0.01CM
	537808	11/11/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211110@0.01CM
9	538820	10/28/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211027@0.01CM
10	540493	10/26/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211025@0.01CM
	540831	1/4/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 2210103@0.01CM
11	541086	12/9/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211215@0.01CM
	541437	1/11/22	Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream	Lot: 220113@2:57NM
12	541437	10/13/21	Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream	Lot 211014@11:54CM
13	541879	10/26/21	Glycolic 7.5+SA 2% top solu	Lot: 211026@1231NM
14	541886	10/26/21	BENZ/LIDO/TETR 20-6-8% T CR	Lot 211028@11:03LZ
15	541995	12/21/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 211221@0.01CM
	542609	11/16/21	Glycerin48% IN Lido:Epi sol	Lot: 21119@48CM
16	543169	12/2/21	CERENIA 24MG/ML OO Susp	Lot 211203@2:25LZ
17	543242	1/4/22	CERENIA 24MG/ML OO Susp	Lot 220404@142:18NM
18	543242	12/16/21	CERENIA 24MG/ML OO Susp	Lot 211220@1217
19	543458	12/12/21	Fluorouracil-5 1% eye drops	Lot 211215@CM
20	544060	1/2/22	Apoquel 1.8mg/ml OO Susp	no lot number
21	544669	1/17/22	TLC-4 Aesthetics SL cream	no lot number
22	544670	1/17/22	TLC-2 AESTHETICS SL CREAM	no lot number
23	545255	2/25/22	Piperacillin +Taz 12.5mg/ml	Lot 220225@12.5CM
24	545237	2/25/22	Tobramycin 14mg/ml	Lot 220225@14CM
25	545964	2/22/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop	Lot 220225@0.01CM 60 vials made
26	541403	1/5/22	Thymol 10% Topical Sol	Lot 220106@10%CM
27	542837	1/5/22	PHMB 0.02% eye drop	Lot 220106@0.02%CM
28	546071	2/25/22	Nifedipine 0.2% top oint	Lot 220228@0.2%CM

1	542721	2/24/22	Estriol 0.2% vag cream	Lot 220228@0.02CM
	535879	2/24/22	Tretinoin 0.06%	Lot 220228@0.06CM
2	545985	2/22/22	Testosterone 2%	Lot 220228@2CM
	546128	2/25/22	Haloperidol 1mg/ml	Lot 220228@1CM
3	552494	6/30/22	EDTA 3% eye drops	Lot:20630@12NM
4	552095		preservative free 5ml	
5	552493			
6	552079			
7	552412			
8	552029			
9	551877			
10	551973			
11	X2			
12	551725=			
13	3ml			
14	551634			
15	545763	8/9/22	Trimix 10:1:30	Lot: 220809@12:30NM
16	553443	9/6/22	Tobramycin fortified 15mg/ml eyedrops	Lot: 220906@2:36NM
17	551736	7/21/22	Voriconazole Fortified 10mg/ml eyedrop	Lot 220721@2:14NM,
18	552199	8/2/22	Trimix 25:1:30	Lot: 220804@1.43NM
19	552100	8/2/22	Trimix 10:1:12 2.5 ml vial	Lot 220804@1:45NM
20	553163	8/29/22	Riboflav 0.1%	Lot 220829@3:30CM
21	553269	8/30/22	Dexamethasone 24mg/ml PF injection	Lot 220906@12:57NM
22	542299	5/25/22	Gentamicin 0.4mg/ ml Bladder Irrigation	Lot: 220525@0.4CM sterile to sterile
23	546118	8/30/22	Hydroxocobalamin 20mg inj/sol	Lot: 220901@
24	549249	9/8/22	Atropine 0.025% eye drop	no lot number
25	552216	9/30/22	Atropine 0.03% eye drop	Lot 220930@0.03CM
26	547104			
27	547990	9/29/22	Atropine 0.01% eye drop	Lot: 220927@0.01CM
28	546753	9/30/22	Atropine 0.02% eye drop	Lot 220929@0.02CM
	541814	9/29/22	Atropine 0.05% eye drop	Lot 220930@0.05CM
	552141	6/2/22	Ceftazidime 50% oph	Lot: 220804@314NM
	unknown	9/30/22	Ceftazidime 10% oph	Lot 220930@3NM
	unknown	9/30/22	Ceftazidime 50% oph	Lot: 220930@3NM
	553349	9/7/22	Ceftazidime 50mg/ml eye drops	Lot: 220908@2:06NM

551346	9/30/22	Chlorhexidine 0.02% ophthalmic	Lot:220914@12:29NM (high risk)
547452	9/29/22	“Bladder instillation” Heparin 66,000 U + lidocaine	Lot: 220929@11NM
unknown	9/30/22	Amphotericin B 10mcg/ml injection	Lot: 220930@9CM
554670	9/30/22	Phenol 4% in olive oil inj	Lot: 220926@4CM
unknown	9/29/22	Acetylcysteine 10% 5ml	Lot 220929@1NM

NINETEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Incorrect Labeling of a Sterile Compound Against All Respondents)

68. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.4, subdivision (a), in that the following sterile compounds were labeled incorrectly and incompletely:

Number	Date	Drug
526427	6/8/20	BiMix 5:30 injection
531975	10/27/21	Bernardo SPECIAL LIGHT.CR.
533358	10/27/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
534254	12/17/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
535446	11/1/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
535448	9/10/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
537808	11/11/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
538820	10/28/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
540493	10/26/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
540831	1/4/22	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
541086	12/9/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
541437	1/11/22	Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream
541437	10/13/21	Tretinoin 0.1%+HC 1% cream
541879	10/26/21	Glycolic 7.5+SA 2% top solu
541886	10/26/21	BENZ/LIDO/TETR 20-6-8% T CR
541995	12/21/21	Atropine 0.01% Eye Drop
542609	11/16/21	Glycerin48% IN Lido:Epi sol
543169	12/2/21	CERENIA 24MG/ML OO Susp
543242	1/4/22	CERENIA 24MG/ML OO Susp
543242	12/16/21	CERENIA 24MG/ML OO Susp
543458	12/12/21	Fluorouracil-5 1% eye drops
544060	1/2/22	Apoquel 1.8mg/ml OO Susp
544669	1/17/22	TLC-4 Aesthetics SL cream
544670	1/17/22	TLC-2 AESTHETICS SL CREAM
545255	2/25/22	Piperacillin +Taz 12.5mg/ml
552494	6/30/22	EDTA 3% eye drops preservative
552095		fee 5ml

552493 552079 552412 552029 551877 551973 X2 551725= 3ml 551634		
545763	8/9/22	Trimix 10:1:30
552199	8/2/22	Trimix 25:1:30
552199	8/2/22	Trimix 25:1:30 SF
552100	8/2/22	Trimix 10:1:12 2.5 ml vial
552100	9/15/22	Trimix 10:1:12 2.5 ml vial
553163	8/29/22	Riboflav 0.1%
553269	8/30/22	Dexamethasone 24mg/ml PF injection
542299	5/25/22	Gentamicin 0.4mg/ ml Bladder Irrigation
542299	9/6/22	Gentamicin 0.4mg/ ml Bladder Irrigation
546118	8/30/22	Hydroxocobalamin 20mg inj/sol
549249	9/8/22	Atropine 0.025% eye drop
552216 547104	9/30/22	Atropine 0.03% eye drop
547990	9/29/22	Atropine 0.01% eye drop
546753	9/30/22	Atropine 0.02% eye drop
552141	6/2/22	Ceftazidime 50% oph
unknown	9/30/22	Ceftazidime 10% oph
unknown	9/30/22	Ceftazidime 50% oph
551346	9/30/22	Chlorhexidine 0.02% ophthalmic
unknown	9/30/22	Amphotericin B 10mcg/ml injection
554670	9/30/22	Phenol 4% in olive oil inj
unknown	9/29/22	Acetylcysteine 10% 5ml

In addition, between September 1, 2021, and January 20, 2022, at least 284 prescriptions were dispensed without the name (brand or generic) of each active ingredient.

TWENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Follow the Pharmacies own Policies and Procedures Against All Respondents)

69. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.5, subdivision (a), and section 1751.3, subdivision (a), in that Respondents failed to follow their own Policies and Procedures as follows:

a. From at least June 2020, to March 2022, the ante-room was certified to ISO 8 when Policies and Procedures required the ante-room to be certified to ISO 7. The ante-room can

1 be engineered as an ISO 7 or ISO 8 environment. PIC El-Shatanoufy only updated after a written
2 notice was issued on February 28, 2022.

3 b. The Policies and Procedures required compounding staff to complete a gloved
4 fingertip sampling competency three (3) times before compounding responsibilities, there are no
5 recording showing that the fingertip sampling competency occurred. PIC El-Shatanoufy was
6 unaware of this requirement within her own policies and procedures until the February 28, 2022
7 inspection.

8 c. Policies and Procedures required the compounded sterile preparation (CSP) to
9 be examined against a lighted white or black ground, or both. On February 28, 2022, PIC El-
10 Shatanoufy was not able to explain how this was done since there was no light box available in
11 the pharmacy.

12 d. Policies and Procedures required all NIOSH drugs be treated as Hazardous
13 drugs and requires the pharmacy to follow USP 800 to be followed for compounding.

14 e. Policies and Procedures required surface sampling monthly and to sample the
15 ISO 5 in three locations. Records provided for air and surface sampling only showed two total
16 samples were taken. Further, it is unclear where the samples were taken (whether it was air or
17 surface samples).

18 f. Policies and Procedures required, “[a]ll prepared compounding shall be send to
19 an independent Lab to verify sterility and endotoxin.” During the investigation, it was found that
20 this did not occur and that in-house sterility testing was being conducted. This was a violation of
21 Respondents’ policy and procedure.

22 **TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 **(Failure to Keep Equipment Stored, Used, Maintained, and Cleaned in Accordance with** 24 **Manufacturers’ Specifications Against All Respondents)**

25 70. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
26 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.6, subdivision (b), in that on or
27 about September 20, 2021, and February 28, 2022, food grade mixers and household equipment
28 was observed being used during compounding.

1 **TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Preparing Sterile Compounding in a Noncompliant Location Against All Respondents)**

3 71. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
4 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.6, subdivision (e) and 1751.4,
5 subdivision (g), in that the following drug preparations occurred in a noncompliant location:

- 6 a. Mitomycin compounded on September 11, 2020;
7 b. Fluorouracil-5 1//5 1% eye drop compounded December 12, 2021;
8 c. Cyclosporine compounded on August 2, 2022 and August 31, 2022;
9 d. Tacrolimus compounded on August 10, 22, 16, 23 and September 6, 8, 2022;

10 and

- 11 e. Testosterone compounded on August 25, 2022.

12 These drug preparations are required to be compounded in a negative pressure PEC and in
13 an externally vented exhausted physically separate room.

14 **TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 **(Failure to Demonstrate Skill and Training for Against All Respondents)**

16 72. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
17 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.7, subdivision (a), in that on or
18 July 31, 2020, and September 11, 2020 records for training for pharmacist S.F. showed that she
19 had not received training since 2017. On or about February 28, 2022, the inspection revealed that
20 no pharmacy personnel assigned to compounding duties completed the initial gloved fingertip
21 test.

22 **TWENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 **(Failure to Have All Required Written Policies and Procedures for Compounding Against**
24 **All Respondents)**

25 73. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o) for
26 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.3, subdivision (a), in that the
27 following required policies and procedures were never provided by Respondents:

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1 a. Action levels for colony-forming units (CFUs) detected during viable surface
2 sampling, glove fingertip, and viable air sampling.

3 b. An environmental sampling plan and procedures specific to viable air, surface,
4 and gloved fingertip sampling as well as nonviable particle sampling.

5 c. For compounding aseptic isolators and compounding aseptic containment
6 isolators, documentation of the manufacturer's recommended purge time. This was developed in
7 March 2022, only after a specific request.

8 **TWENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

9 **(Failure to Use Germicidal Detergent Daily Against All Respondents)**

10 74. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for
11 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (d), in that
12 Respondents failed to provide evidence that germicidal detergent was used daily. During the
13 inspection on September 20, 2021, Respondents' records failed to show daily cleaning of the
14 compounding area with a germicidal detergent from September 16, 2021, to September 20, 2021,
15 but the records showed that compounding took place on September 16, 17, and 20. Additionally,
16 there is no evidence showing that germicidal detergent was used to clean the Glovebox. Further,
17 the floors in the sterile compounding area were cleaned weekly, instead of daily, as required.

18 **TWENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

19 **(Failure to Properly Store Cleaning Materials Against All Respondents)**

20 75. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for
21 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (d) in that the
22 Respondents failed to properly store cleaning materials for compounding.

23 **TWENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

24 **(Failure to Maintain Sterile Compounding Area's Temperature Against All Respondents)**

25 76. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for
26 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.4, subdivision (k) in that the
27 Respondents failed to maintain sterile compounding area's temperature. The logged temperature
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1 was not typically cooler than 20 degree Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit) for May 2020-August
2 2020, January 2022-February 2022.

3 **TWENTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Failure to Conduct Initial Competency Evaluation Against All Respondents)**

5 77. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for
6 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7, subdivision (c) in that the
7 Respondents failed to ensure that compounding staff completed the gloved fingertip sampling
8 procedure.

9 **TWENTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 **(Failure to Perform End Product Sterility Testing Against All Respondents)**

11 78. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for
12 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7, subdivision (e)(1), in that the
13 Respondents failed to perform end product sterility testing compliant with USP chapter 71 for the
14 following prescriptions:

Number	Date	Drug
526427	6/8/20	BiMix 5:30 injection
525290	7/17/20	Glutathione 200mg/ml
527383	7/14/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml
527427	7/15/20	Glutathione 200mg/ml
525290	7/17/20	Glutathione 200mg/ml
unknown	5/13/21	Glycerin 48% in lido+epi sol inj
527558	7/20/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml
525281	7/21/20	Glutathione 50mg/ml
526231	5/29/20	Glycerin 72% + Lido:epi 2:1 inj
531133	11/24/20	Hydroxocobalamin 25ml/ ml
544661	1/17/22	Hydroxocobalamin 25ml/ ml
541834	1/28/22	Hydroxocobalamin 30ml/ ml

1	542609	11/16/21	Glycerin48% IN Lido:Epi sol
2	545763	8/9/22	Trimix 10:1:30
3	552199	8/2/22	Trimix 25:1:30
4	552199	8/2/22	Trimix 25:1:30 SF
5	552100	8/2/22	Trimix 10:1:12 2.5 ml vial
6	553163	8/29/22	Riboflav 0.1%
7	553269	8/30/22	Dexamethasone 24mg/ml PF inj
8	554670	9/30/22	Phenol 4% in olive oil inj
9	unknown	9/29/22	Acetylcysteine 10% 5ml

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11 **THIRTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12 **(Failure to Label Single-Dose Containers and Discard Against All Respondents)**

13 79. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301(o), for
14 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.9, subdivision (b), in that the
15 Respondents failed to label the puncture time on single dose containers. Since there was no
16 puncture time labeled on the containers, the containers were required to be immediately
17 discarded. Respondents failed to immediately discard the containers.

18 **THIRTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

19 **(Failure to Label, Store and Discard Multi-Dose Containers Against All Respondents)**

20 80. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for
21 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.9, subdivision (c) in that the
22 Respondents failed to label the BUD on multi-dose containers. Since there was no BUD labeled
23 on the containers, the containers were required to be immediately discarded. Respondents failed
24 to immediately discard the containers.

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1 **THIRTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Failure to Have Records Available for Review Against All Respondents)**

3 81. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o) and (j),
4 and Code section 4081, subdivision (a), in that the Respondents failed to have records available
5 for review from September 12, 2022, to December 13, 2022, for the following records:

6 a. Dispensing records:

7 i. A list of all sterile compounds made with any items on “NIOSH list of
8 Hazardous Drug Powders (updated Aug 1-2022)”;

9 ii. Trimix 10:1:30 Lot:220809@12:30NM, for 4 vials;

10 iii. Voriconazole Lot:220721@2:14NM, for 2 vials; and

11 iv. Trimix 10:1:12 Lot:220804@1:45nm, for 2 vials.

12 b. Quality Assurance data for sterile preparations for 2022.

13 c. Data to support the following practices:

14 i. Stability of Gentamicin 0.4mg/ml bladder irrigation lot 220525@0.4CM
15 in the freezer;

16 ii. Freeze/ thaw of papaverine and phentolamine used in trimix;

17 iii. Riboflavin 186508E is appropriate for use in for a sterile ophthalmic;

18 iv. Rapid-riboflavin 1mg/ml FDA approval label claim for “rapid”;

19 v. Freezing of freezing of Bladder instillation (heparin + lidocaine);

20 vi. Freezing of Phenol 4% olive oil;

21 vii. Freezing of Amphotericin B; and

22 viii. Freezing of Glass 60ml vials, unknown manufacture.

23 d. Other requested information:

24 i. Study protocol for “primary cocktail for vet study”.

25 **THIRTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 **(Subverting an Investigation Against All Respondents)**

27 82. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301, subdivision
28 (q) in that the Respondents subverted the investigation as follows:

1 (a) Between September 12, 2022, and December 14, 2022, documents and records
2 were requested from the pharmacy and never received;

3 (b) The records that were provided were inconsistent and contained false or
4 inaccurate information;

5 (c) The records provided were incomplete and/or not legible; and

6 (d) Pharmacy staff was unable to provide requested information or answers.

7 **THIRTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

8 **(Failure to Have a Complete Quality Assurance Plan Against All Respondents)**

9 83. Respondents are subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4301(o), for
10 violating California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.8, subdivision (b) in that on or
11 about September 12, 2022, during the inspection, the Respondents failed to have a complete
12 quality assurance plan.

13 **STATEMENT OF ISSUES AGAINST:**

14 **SAN DIEGO OPTIMUM COMPOUNDING**

15 **RENEWAL OF STERILE COMPOUNDING LICENSE**

16 **CAUSE FOR DENIAL**

17 **(Various)**

18 84. Respondent San Diego Optimum Compounding's application to renew its sterile
19 compounding license is subject to denial under Code sections 4127.7 (c), 4300 (c) and 4301 (j),
20 (o), and (q) for violating the statutes and regulations referenced in the First Amended Accusation,
21 which are incorporated herein by reference.

22 **OTHER MATTERS**

23 85. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number
24 PHY 53633 and/or Sterile Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831 issued to San Diego
25 Optimum Compounding, Inc., dba San Diego Optimum Compounding, while Maii El-Shatanoufy
26 was an officer and owner and had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for
27 which licensee was disciplined, Maii El-Shatanoufy shall be prohibited from serving as a
28 manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for

1 five years if the Pharmacy Permit and/or Sterile Compounding License are placed on probation or
2 until the Pharmacy Permit and/or Sterile Compounding Licenses are reinstated, if they are
3 revoked.

4 86. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacist License
5 Number RPH 63672, issued to Maii El-Shatanoufy, Maii El-Shatanoufy shall be prohibited from
6 serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a
7 licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 63672 is placed on probation or until
8 Pharmacist License Number RPH 63672 is reinstated if it is revoked.

9 87. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed on Pharmacy Permit Number
10 PHY 53633 and/or Sterile Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831 issued to San Diego
11 Optimum Compounding, Inc. dba San Diego Optimum Compounding, it shall be prohibited from
12 serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a
13 licensee for five years if the Pharmacy Permit and/or Sterile Compounding License are placed on
14 probation or until the Pharmacy Permit and/or Sterile Compounding License are reinstated if they
15 are revoked.

16 **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

17 88. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent San
18 Diego Optimum Compounding, Complainant alleges that on or about October 17, 2019, the
19 Board of Pharmacy issued Citation Number CI 2019 85363 and ordered Respondent to pay a fine
20 in the amount of \$500.00. In addition, an order of abatement was issued. The Citation was
21 issued for violations of California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7, subdivision (e)(1)
22 and Code section 4115, subdivision (f)(1) because no required end-product tested was completed
23 and a single pharmacist was supervising two pharmacy technicians. That Citation is now final.

24 89. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Maii El-
25 Shatanoufy, Complainant alleges that on or about October 17, 2019, the Board of Pharmacy
26 issued Citation Number CI 2019 85364 and ordered Respondent to pay a fine in the amount of
27 \$500.00. In addition, an order of abatement was issued. The Citation was issued for violations of
28 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7, subdivision (e)(1) and Code section

1 4115, subdivision (f)(1) because no required end-product tested was completed and a single
2 pharmacist was supervising two pharmacy technicians. That Citation is now final.

3 90. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent San
4 Diego Optimum Compounding, Complainant alleges that on or about June 5, 2018, the Board
5 issued Citation Number CI 2016 71610 to Respondent. The Citation was issued for violations
6 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.7, subdivision (b)(2) by failing to maintain
7 freezer temperature logs for the storage of compounded sterile BiMix for injections.

8 91. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent San
9 Diego Optimum Compounding, Complainant alleges that on or about November 26, 2019, the
10 Board issued Citation Number CI 2019 86038 and ordered Respondent to pay a fine in the
11 amount of \$500.00. In addition, an order of abatement was issued. The Citation was for the
12 following violations:

13 i. Failure to maintain the quality of a compounded sterile preparations in violation
14 of California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.1 .7, subdivision (ae) and section
15 1735.(2), subdivision (g).

16 ii. Adulterated preparation in violation of Health and Safety Code sections 11250
17 and 222395 and Code section 4169, subdivision (a)(2).

18 iii. Failure to have complete compounding records in violation of California Code
19 of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a)(F)(J).

20 92. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Maii El-
21 Shatanoufy, Complainant alleges that on or about November 26, 2019, the Board issued Citation
22 Number CI 2019 86039 and ordered Respondent Maii El- Shatanoufy to pay fines in the amount
23 of \$3,000.00 for the following violations:

24 i. Failure to maintain the quality of a compounded sterile preparation in violation
25 of California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.1 .7, subdivision (ae) and section
26 1735.(2), subdivision (g).

27 ii. Adulterated preparation in violation of Health and Safety Code sections 11250
28 and 222395 and Code section 4169, subdivision (a)(2).

1 iii. Failure to have complete compounding records in violation of California Code
2 of Regulations, title 16, section 1735.3, subdivision (a)(F)(J).

3 93. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Maii El-
4 Shatanoufy, Complainant alleges that on or about October 18, 2018, the Board issued a letter of
5 admonishment to Respondent for failure to maintain a freezer temperature log in violation of
6 Code section 4315 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1751.1 subdivision (b)(2).

7 **PRAYER**

8 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
9 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

10 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 53633, issued to San Diego
11 Optimum Compounding, Inc. dba San Diego Optimum Compounding, Maii El-Shatanoufy, CEO;

12 2. Revoking or suspending Sterile Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831, issued to
13 San Diego Optimum Compounding, Inc. dba San Diego Optimum Compounding, Maii El-
14 Shatanoufy, CEO;

15 3. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 63672, issued to Maii El-
16 Shatanoufy;

17 4. Prohibiting Maii El-Shatanoufy from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,
18 member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacy Permit
19 Number PHY 53633 and/or Sterile Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831 is placed on
20 probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 53633 and/or Sterile Compounding Permit
21 Number LSC 100831 reinstated if they are revoked;

22 5. Prohibiting Maii El-Shatanoufy from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,
23 member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License
24 Number RPH 63672 is placed on probation or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 63672 is
25 reinstated if it is revoked;

26 6. Prohibiting San Diego Optimum Compounding, Inc. from serving as a manager,
27 administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if
28 Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 53633 and/or Sterile Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831

1 is placed on probation or until Pharmacy Permit Number PHY 53633 and/or Sterile
2 Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831 is reinstated if they are revoked;

3 7. Denying the Renewal of Sterile Compounding Permit Number LSC 100831;

4 8. Ordering Maii El-Shatanoufy to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of
5 the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
6 125.3; and,

7 9. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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10 DATED: 4/26/2023

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