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FOUNDATION CARE PHARMACY FIRST TO RECEIVE PROMINENT ACCREDITATION IN MISSOURI

EARTH CITY, MO – Foundation Care Pharmacy yesterday became the first pharmacy in Missouri to receive the Seal of Accreditation from the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB).

“Our new PCAB Accreditation status and our designation as a PCAB Accredited™ compounding pharmacy lets the public know that Foundation Care ranks among the best for quality and safety,” said Dan Blakeley, R.Ph., CEO. “The PCAB Seal of Accreditation shows our dedication to protecting our patients by practicing safe, high-quality compounding.”

Compounding medications is a fundamental part of the practice of pharmacy and the demand for these customized medications increases every year. Compounded medications are prescriptions that are written by physicians or other authorized prescribers and prepared for an individual patient by a specially trained pharmacist. A few reasons a prescriber might write a compounded prescription are:

- When a child needs a smaller dose of a medicine that is only commercially manufactured in adult-size doses.
- When a person cannot tolerate the inactive ingredients (such as gluten or sugar) in manufactured medicines.
- When a doctor believes a medicine is needed for his or her patient, but a manufacturer has discontinued the medicine for economic reasons.

While each state regulates compounding pharmacies, the Seal of Accreditation was created in 2006 to establish even higher standards for quality and safety. The application process is both voluntary and extensive. Applicants must first submit documentation on written policies for quality and safety procedures, after that they must pass a comprehensive on-site inspection. If all parts of the application process are completed and passed, the pharmacy is awarded the Seal of Accreditation for 3 years.

“Patients of Foundation Care Pharmacy will feel confident when they find out that their pharmacy has gone above and beyond the required standards of quality. And while Foundation Care Pharmacy is the first in Missouri to pass this test, I am confident many other pharmacies in our state will be right behind them,” said Ron Fitzwater, Chief Executive Officer of the Missouri Pharmacy Association.

About Foundation Care Pharmacy

Foundation Care, located in St. Louis, Missouri, is a full service retail pharmacy that serves patients locally and nationwide. We focus on the specialized needs of our patients. For additional information, visit us at www.foundcare.com or call (314) 291-1122 or toll free at (877) 291-1122.

About the Missouri Pharmacy Association

Founded in 1879, the Missouri Pharmacy Association is the professional society representing Missouri pharmacists, united to improve public health and patient care, enhance professional development and advocate for the interest of the profession.

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About the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board

The Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board is a not-for-profit corporation formed by eight national pharmacy organizations that recognized the need for a national standards organization for compounding pharmacy.

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