

**657—20.4(126,155A) Organization and personnel.**

**20.4(1) *Pharmacist responsible.*** As in the dispensing of all prescription drugs, the pharmacist has the responsibility and authority to inspect and approve or reject all components, bulk drug substances, drug product containers, closures, in-process materials, and labeling. The pharmacist is also responsible for the preparation and review of all records relating to compounding to ensure that no errors have occurred in the compounding process and for the proper maintenance, cleanliness, and use of all equipment used in prescription compounding practice.

**20.4(2) *Pharmacist competence.*** All pharmacists engaged in compounding shall be proficient commensurate with the level of their compounding activity. Pharmacists shall maintain proficiency through current awareness and documented training. Every pharmacist who engages in drug compounding shall be aware of, familiar with, and comply with good compounding practices and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

**20.4(3) *Pharmacy technicians.*** Pharmacy technicians may assist in the compounding of drug products, but the supervising pharmacist remains responsible for all work performed by the pharmacy technician.

**20.4(4) *Protective apparel.*** Personnel engaged in the compounding of drug products shall wear protective apparel as necessary to protect the individuals from chemical exposure and to protect drug products from contamination.