Compounding Sterile Preparations, 3rd Edition

By: Clyde E. Buchanan, MS, FASHP; Phillip J. Schneider, MS, FASHP

Official Review by Doody Review Service

Reviewer
Nancy Makem, Pharm D (Nazareth Hospital)

Description
This third edition of a reference detailing all of the requirements for compounding includes important updates to the USP 797 guidelines.

Purpose
It is intended to be used in order to help improve compliance and understanding of the USP 797 guidelines. The guidelines have been revised (and finalized) and many states are now requiring that these guidelines be followed.

Audience
According to the author, the book is intended for use in colleges of pharmacy, pharmacy departments, and pharmacy technician training programs. It is a valuable resource, especially for any director of pharmacy or IV room coordinator who is preparing to open a new clean room.

Features
This book covers all of the 797 requirements, as well as how to comply with the requirements and resources available for doing so. I found the section on hand hygiene and garbing particularly helpful as our IV room has been open less than two months. This was a great review to ensure that we are, indeed, compliant. The reference section is excellent and contains all of the needed guidelines for hazardous drugs and CETA certifications. I would have liked to have seen the USP 797 final revision included in the reference section.

Assessment
This an excellent book to have on hand in any operational IV room and a definite must have for any pharmacy that is preparing to open a USP 797 compliant IV room. This third edition is needed now that the final revision of USP 797 guidelines has been published.

Score: 90 – 4 Stars!