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### **New PCAB Executive Director Takes Helm**

**Washington, DC** – Tom Murry, PharmD, JD, has been selected as Executive Director of the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB), assuming his duties on August 20, 2007. The establishment of PCAB signaled the formal recognition of compounding pharmacies that met the profession's standards of quality. PCAB was created to set those standards, provide assistance to all compounding pharmacies seeking accreditation, and to raise the public's awareness of quality pharmacy compounding practices.



"We are very pleased that Tom is joining the PCAB as its Executive Director," says PCAB President John A. Gans, PharmD. "PCAB is committed to the establishment of uniform accreditation standards for the compounding profession. Pharmacists across the country have made major investments in equipment and education and have developed sophisticated compounding practices to meet the growing health system need for medications not commercially viable. PCAB assures the public that in those accredited and sophisticated practices, national standards are being met. The process ensures that accredited pharmacies from coast to coast have put in place sound practices, processes, facilities, equipment and personnel to prepare compounded medications for their patients."

Dr. Murry earned his pharmacy degree at the University of Arkansas, where he also served as Student Body President for the College of Pharmacy. During pharmacy school, Tom performed internships with the United States Pharmacopeia and the United States Public Health Service. Following graduation, Tom served as the National Community Pharmacy Association's first Executive Resident, and subsequently served as NCPA Director of Student Affairs. In May, Tom graduated from the Campbell University School of Law where he served on the Moot Court team and was inducted into the Order of Old Kivett for excellence in trial and appellate advocacy. While in law school, Tom performed clerkships with the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy. Tom, and his wife Tamara, who is also a pharmacist, have two daughters: Ella, 3 ½ and Gretchen 10 months.

As Executive Director of PCAB, Murry will lead the accreditation programs and initiatives designed to support compounding pharmacies in their efforts to continuously improve quality practices and enhance patient care.

"I am excited about my new role with PCAB," explained Dr. Murray. "With patient and physician demand for customized medications increasing each year, there is a need for an enhanced, profession-wide system of standards by which each compounding pharmacy can test its quality processes. PCAB Accreditation gives patients and prescribers a way to select a pharmacy that meets the highest quality standards."

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#### **Founding of Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB™)**

PCAB was established by: the American College of Apothecaries, the American Pharmacists Association, the

International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, the National Community Pharmacists Association, the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives, the National Home Infusion Association and the United States Pharmacopeia.