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Ohio State Board of Pharmacy

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**Re: Comments on Proposed Rules OAC 4729:7**

Dear Mr. Miller,

As a patient living in the state of Ohio, I am glad that the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy (OSBOP) has reopened the prescriber compounding rules for comments and changes. I am a dermatology patient and the current rules make my care more painful and more expensive.

For example, my dermatologist used to be able to mix bicarbonate with my numbing injections, making them almost painless, but he can no longer do this.

I am told that I can take a prescription to  have a compounding pharmacy to mix up my buffered lidocaine, (which my doctor used to do for free), for $45 for a 5 cc syringe, and it may not be stable for more than 3 days. This requires 2 additional trips to the pharmacy and an additional trip to the doctor when it was seamless before. Does this make sense?

In addition my dermatologist used to be able to dilute kenalog to inject my pimples and boils so they would go down quickly. He was able to customize the dose so I would not get side effects such as skin depressions from the shots. He can no longer do this.

My dermatologist used to be able to mix up some arthritis pills (diclofenac) in a slave for me ti use on my rough spots (actinic keratoses) and it was very inexpensive. I am now required to get a prescription for a similar product which costs $1300!

Also when treating a large area my dermatologist used to be able to dilute the lidocaine way down with sterile saline, so he could safely numb me. Personalized medicine again.  He can no longer do this.

I also understand your rules impose onerous record keeping requirement on my doctor..  My doctor already keeps a meticulous medical record of any medicine he gives or uses on me, and redundant records would seem to serve no purpose.

I understand that these rules are being proposed because some criminal  pharmacists in Massachusetts sold contaminated drugs for spinal injections. I fail to see the connection here.

Please amend your rules so my doctor can treat me safely and cost effectively and personalize my medical care for my specific needs.

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