



# Software-aided compounding: adopting technology to improve patient safety and documentation

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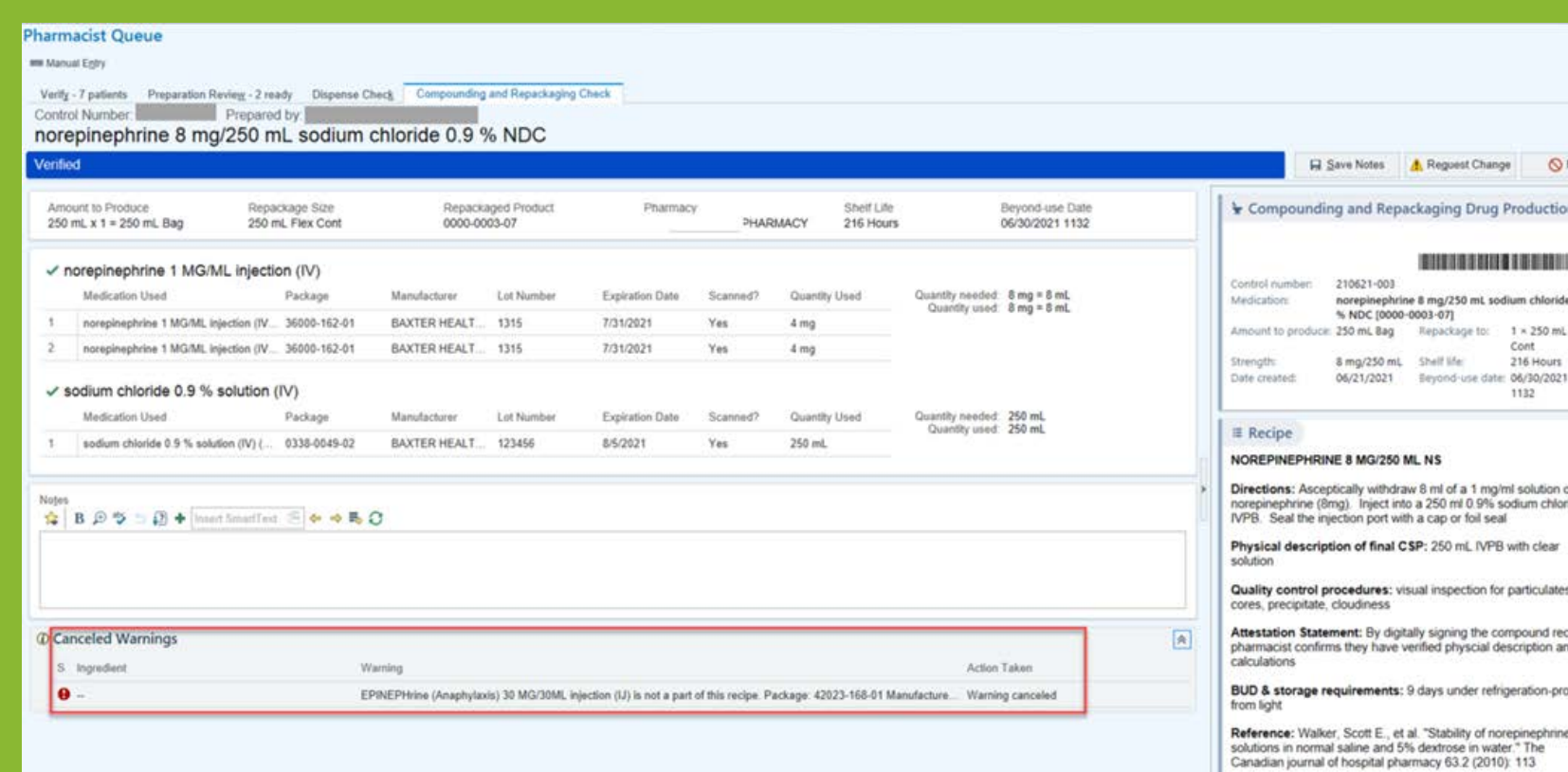
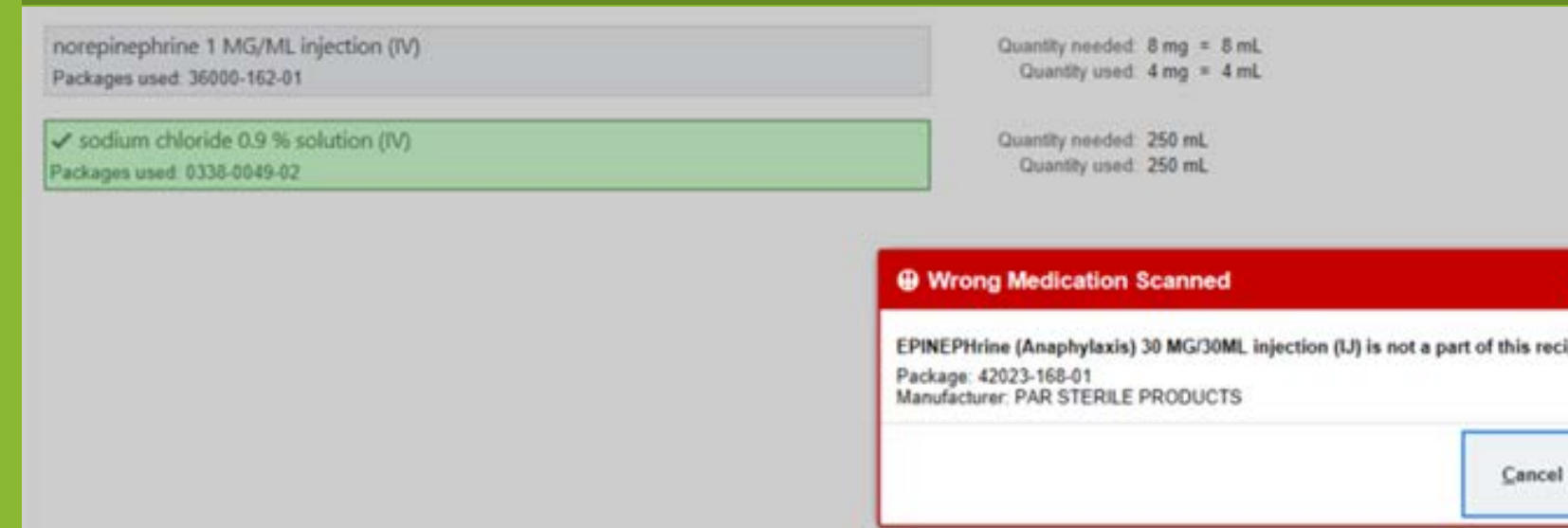
## Introduction

- ❖ Compounding errors can be difficult to detect once they leave the pharmacy
- ❖ Standardizing sterile and non-sterile compounding formulas in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) aligns practice across sites
- ❖ Utilizing barcode scanning improves patient safety, documentation, and aligns with ASHP guidance
- ❖ Goals for the project
  - ❖ Standardize compounding across a 14 site health system
  - ❖ Build formulas into the EHR
  - ❖ Use barcode scanning for ingredient identification and pharmacist verification
  - ❖ Reach 80% compliance across the health system

## Description of the Program

- ❖ A system-wide committee standardized compounding formulas and assigned common Beyond Use Dates (BUDs)
- ❖ Used EHR (Epic®) activities Dispense Prep and Compounding and Repackaging (CNR)—configurable, included in software at no additional cost
- ❖ Compounding and verification process
  - ❖ Staff scans label barcode to enter CNR record and scan ingredients
  - ❖ Incorrect ingredients trigger a warning box that cannot be bypassed until correct ingredient is scanned
  - ❖ Pharmacist verifies from summary screen, which shows any errors
- ❖ The EHR can track product expiration
  - ❖ Nursing staff are alerted if an expired compound is scanned for administration
  - ❖ If bypassed, trackable data is generated that can be analyzed for trends and opportunities in training

## Compounding Process and Error Screens



## Administration Warning—Expired Drug



## Experience and Outcomes of the Program

- ❖ Dispense Prep and CNR were widely accepted throughout the health system
- ❖ Productivity increased by eliminating hand-written documentation, and with electronically-retrievable records
- ❖ Captured data on errors created a Near Misses Dashboard to review software-discovered errors, identify trends, and reinforce training
- ❖ Compliance with the program is trackable at the facility level—in the first half of Fiscal Year 2021, system-wide Dispense Prep compliance reached 64.6%
- ❖ Barcode scanning validates NDC pass-through, ensuring 340B Drug Pricing program compliance

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MEDICAL CENTER	70.5 %	76.9 %	81.7 %	80.9 %
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HOSPITAL	87.2 %	85.1 %	83.9 %	81.5 %
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## Conclusion and Discussion of Innovative Aspects of the Program

- ❖ EHR-built, standardized formulas, ensure all facilities consistently produce compounds with the same process
- ❖ The EHR is the source of truth, eliminating duplicative and time-consuming risks
- ❖ Metrics track compounding compliance, filling previous Quality, Safety, and Regulatory gaps
- ❖ Barcode scanning adds greater oversight, decreasing errors and expired medications that could reach the patient
- ❖ NDC pass-through prevents misbranding and preserves beneficial drug pricing
- ❖ Utilizing the EHR gained safety and accuracy without a large capital investment

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