



About USP



The U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) is a scientific non-profit organization that sets standards for the identity, strength, quality, and purity of medicines, food ingredients, and dietary supplements manufactured, distributed, and consumed worldwide. USP's drug standards are enforceable in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration. These standards are used and relied upon in more than 140 countries. USP standards are developed and revised by more than 900 volunteer experts, including international participants, who work with USP staff under strict conflict-of-interest rules. Since its founding in 1820, USP has helped ensure the quality of the American drug supply. Building on that legacy, USP today works with scientists, practitioners, and regulators of many nations to help protect global health.

USP is dedicated to promoting global health. Its written documentary standards, physical reference standards, verification programs, education courses, and other initiatives work to provide good pharmaceutical care for all and protect the public from unsafe or substandard medicines, dietary supplements, and food ingredients. The organization is independent, which allows it to collaborate with governments, businesses, and academic institutions around the globe, and to make decisions and set standards based solely on scientific evidence.

USP relies on the scientific expertise and collaboration of volunteer experts worldwide to develop and revise its standards. These volunteers represent medicine; science research; the pharmaceutical, dietary supplements, and food ingredients industries; academia; consumer organizations; and the U.S. and other governments. USP's ingredient and product verification programs use a team of scientific and support staff from its U.S. headquarters and laboratories and offices around the world to help protect consumers who take medicines and dietary supplements.

Vision

USP envisions a world in which all have access to high-quality, safe, and beneficial medications and foods.

Mission

USP's mission is to improve global health through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods.

Official Name

U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP)

Status

501(c)(3) organization

Governance

Three bodies made up of volunteers: Board of Trustees (fiduciary and oversight body), Council of Experts (scientific body), and U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (policy body)

Chief Executive Officer

Ronald T. Piervincenzi, Ph.D.

Employees

More than 800

International Sites

Laboratories and offices in Rockville, MD, United States (headquarters); Hyderabad, India; Shanghai, China; São Paulo, Brazil; and Basel, Switzerland (office only)

Web Sites and Social Media

www.usp.org
www.youtube.com/uspharmacopeia
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