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**USP to Verify the Quality of
Pharmaceutical Ingredients Worldwide**

Rockville, Md., October 31, 2006—USP today affirmed its continuing commitment to promote the public health by announcing a new service to verify the quality of pharmaceutical ingredients. USP will offer this service to manufacturers of drug substances and excipients worldwide. The verification service will identify those pharmaceutical ingredients that meet USP's world class quality standards.

"USP Verified" pharmaceutical ingredients will receive a Certificate of Standards Compliance and will be awarded the distinctive USP Verified Pharmaceutical Ingredients mark to display on the shipping container. USP will award the certificate and mark to drug substances and excipients that pass a rigorous audit, testing and review process, which includes:

- Evaluation of an ingredient manufacturer's quality systems through an audit for compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs)
- Review of manufacturing and quality control documents for ingredients submitted for verification
- Laboratory testing of ingredient samples from USP-selected lots for compliance with USP's FDA-enforceable standards for purity, potency and quality
- Post-verification surveillance testing of ingredients bearing the USP Verified mark

Roger L. Williams, M.D., USP's executive vice president and CEO, announced the new service, saying: "USP is proud to offer this new service. It will assure drug product manufacturers and regulatory agencies that the substances with the USP Verified mark have met the highest standards in the world for strength, quality and purity. USP wants to raise the quality of medicines by calling attention to the best ingredients. Drug product manufacturers and patients worldwide will benefit as a result."

USP is named in federal law and compliance with its standards is enforceable for drugs marketed in or exported to the United States. USP standards are recognized worldwide. USP also offers verification programs for dietary supplement ingredients and products.

Manufacturers seeking USP Verification for a pharmaceutical ingredient should contact Eric Sheinin, USP vice president, Pharmaceutical Ingredient Verification Program, at 301-816-8103 or email him at es@usp.org. All other questions may be directed to mediarelations@usp.org.

NOTE: Reporters may request an electronic version of the USP Verified Pharmaceutical Ingredients mark by contacting mediarelations@usp.org.

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The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental, standards-setting organization that advances public health and improves patient safety by ensuring good pharmaceutical care. USP standards, which are recognized worldwide, are developed through a

unique process of public involvement by volunteers representing pharmacy, medicine and other healthcare professions, as well as science, academia, government, the pharmaceutical industry and consumer organizations. For more information about USP and its standards-setting activities, visit <http://www.usp.org/aboutUSP/media>.