

## About USP

The U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) is a scientific nonprofit organization that sets standards for the quality, purity, identity, and strength of medicines, food ingredients, and dietary supplements. USP's drug standards are enforceable in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration, and these standards are used and relied upon in more than 130 countries. USP standards are developed and revised by an international group of volunteer experts, who work with USP staff under strict conflict-of-interest rules. Since its founding in 1820, USP has helped secure 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 public health around the world.

**Established in 1820**, USP is dedicated to promoting the public health worldwide. Its written documentary standards, physical reference standards, verification programs, professional 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.

### Mission

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

### Official Name

The United States 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

Roger L. Williams, M.D.

### Employees

More than 500

### 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

[www.usp.org](http://www.usp.org)  
[www.youtube.com/uspharmacopeia](https://www.youtube.com/uspharmacopeia)  
[www.facebook.com/uspharmacopeia](https://www.facebook.com/uspharmacopeia)  
[www.twitter.com/uspharmacopeia](https://www.twitter.com/uspharmacopeia)  
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