Foundations for a healthier world
Who we are

Empowering a healthy tomorrow
A healthier world needs a strong foundation—one that establishes quality, sets the bar for scientific rigor and technological progress, and epitomizes collaboration between industry, nonprofits, government and academia.

From the standards we create to the partnerships and conversations we foster, our scientists, advocates and network of experts are critical to constructing and reinforcing this foundation to ensure people stay healthy.
billion people

around the world have access to quality medicines, dietary supplements and food as a result of our standards, advocacy and education
Global health impact
Around the world, millions of people are at an increased risk of illness or death from taking poor-quality medicines used to prevent or treat devastating illnesses.

With funding from partners like the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), we strengthen medicines quality assurance systems, increase the supply of quality-assured medicines and develop capacity to detect and remove poor-quality medicines from the market.

By sharing scientific expertise and providing technical support and leadership, we help local regulators improve and sustain local health systems, and enable manufacturers to supply quality-assured essential medicines for years to come.

Through these efforts, we’re able to help prevent and treat diseases like HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and neglected tropical diseases, and improve maternal, newborn and child health.
There at every step

**Chemical Medicines**
Our public standards help regulators and drug manufacturers ensure that safe, high-quality medicines make their way to consumers. Because we provide precise formulas and preparation guidelines, as well as pure reference samples for testing, drugs can be made consistently, every time.

**Excipients**
Inactive ingredients are critical for a drug to be effective, usually making up to 90% of the medication. By creating standards for excipients, we play a key role in ensuring the purity of the whole drug.

**Biologics**
Biologics are growing faster than any other segment of medicine. USP quality standards serve as the foundation for a robust safety network that assists biologic manufacturers by increasing predictability and reliability, and preserving the integrity of the global supply chain.
We continue to expand our reach and impact, seeking ideas, cultivating strategies and championing solutions that will draw us closer to a world where everyone can be confident of quality in health and healthcare.

3,600+

reference standards
are available for prescription and OTC drugs, biologics, excipients, dietary supplements and foods
62 million bottles of dietary supplements sold in the U.S. carried the USP Verified Mark in 2016.
Dietary Supplements and Herbal Medicines

We’ve created quality standards and a verification process specifically for dietary supplements, which aren’t regulated like drugs. Brands that display the USP Verified Mark signal to the public that what’s on their label is what’s in the bottle, allowing them to stand apart from a majority of the competition.

Foods

USP helps manufacturers ensure that the ingredients they produce, procure and use are of sufficient purity and quality to be used in food products. We give regulators, manufacturers and retailers the standards and tools to help ensure food safety and integrity.

Healthcare Quality and Safety

The quality of medicine, along with how it’s delivered to patients, is fundamental to treating illness and maintaining health. We not only create quality standards for drug products, but we also help healthcare teams prepare and handle medicines safely. In addition, our standards for clear prescription labeling help patients take their medicines correctly, so they can improve and protect their health.

50,000

have attended trainings

since 2000 on the effective application of USP standards
Building a foundation together

We convene thought leaders at the intersection of science and health to collectively advance quality across industry, nonprofits, government and academia.

Together with these experts, we collaborate with manufacturers, regulatory bodies and policy-makers from around the world to share knowledge and learn from the successes of others.

Our impact grows exponentially as the health community builds upon our work by:

• Supplying, manufacturing and distributing quality medicines, supplements and foods
• Making hospital systems more effective
• Meeting the needs of health providers, patients and consumers
• Creating policies and allocating resources
• Responding to crisis situations