U. S. Pharmacopeia (USP) is an independent non-profit organization that collaborates with the world’s top health and science experts to develop quality standards that help set the bar for manufacturing and distributing safe and effective medicines, supplements, and food around the globe.

As the world gets smaller and more connected, quality issues affect everyone. Diseases travel. Drug resistance grows. Fake medicines kill. The foundation of quality that USP has been building helps address these and other global health issues. Whether decreasing the prevalence of substandard and poor-quality medicines or helping to curb antimicrobial resistance, USP continues to protect the health of people all over the world through quality standards and related programs. USP quality standards include:

- **USP Reference Standards** are highly characterized physical specimens that are often developed using donated candidate reference material from manufactures. The material is then subjected to rigorous analysis to ensure they are suitable for use.

- **Monographs** are developed from donated draft standards and supporting data. Once the information has been analyzed and validated, it is published in USP’s *Pharmacopeial Forum* (PF)—a free online forum—for public review and comment. This public process helps refine USP standards for publication as official text in the *United States Pharmacopeia—National Formulary (USP–NF)*, the *Food Chemicals Codex (FCC)* and the *USP Dietary Supplements Compendium (DSC)*.

### Get Involved

Here’s how you can contribute to the development of USP standards:

- Donate candidate reference materials to be developed as USP Reference Standards.
- Submit new or revised proposed monographs for the USP–NF, the FCC or the DSC.

### Contact information:

- Donor recognition inquiries please contact donorrecognition@USP.org.
- Monograph submissions please contact Katie McGowan at KMM@USP.org.
- Reference Standard submissions please contact Gregory Agoston at GEA@usp.org.

### How contributing benefits you

Your contributions improve the quality of products worldwide—**USP standards are used in more than 140 countries.**

- Reduce the flow of adulterated or substandard articles, ingredients and products.
- Maintain regulatory compliance.
- Contributions may be tax deductible.

### Monograph Recognition

**Milestones required:**

- Submission to *Pharmacopeial Forum* (if donated prior to 01 Jan 2018)
- Donation Quality Review Complete (if donated on or after 01 Jan 2018)

**What do I get?**

- 2000 USP credits per eligible donation to use toward USP products (equivalent to $2000)

**Frequency**

- Semi-annual

### Reference Standard Recognition

**Milestones required:**

- Donation receipt

**What do I get?**

- Reference Standard Candidate Evaluation Package, a summary of the data collected by USP on the candidate reference material, upon release into inventory.
- Lot traceability letter
- 750 USP credits per eligible donated bulk toward USP products (equivalent to $750)

**Frequency**

- Semi-annual