



DSQC

Dietary Supplements
Quality Collaborative

DSQC Overview

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- A multi-stakeholder and cross-sector collaborative aimed at improving the quality and safety of products marketed as dietary supplements.

- **Usage:** Millions of consumers use dietary supplements.
- **Expectations:** Consumers and providers expect quality and safety.
- **Trust and risk:** Illegal, fraudulent, adulterated and misbranded products can put consumers at risk and taint the marketplace.
- **Shared responsibility:** Ingredient suppliers, supplement manufacturers, distributors, retailers and the government share responsibility to keep illegal, fraudulent, adulterated and misbranded products from the marketplace.
- **Supplemental resources:** A strong coalition of stakeholders can help augment the regulatory framework and enforcement system.
- **Best practices:** Ingredient suppliers, manufacturers and retailers can identify and share effective practices and responsible actions to promote a supply chain populated with safe and quality products.

- **Range:** Represent consumers, supplement ingredient and finished product manufacturers, public health and patient advocacy groups, health care providers, retailers, standard setting organizations and academics
- **Shared vision:** Agree with the Collaborative's mission, rationale and principles
- **Commitment to quality:** Demonstrate a sustained commitment to consumer safety and dietary supplement quality
- **Collaborators:** Work cooperatively with other stakeholders to advance consensus-based solutions to improve public health with respect to dietary supplements



Membership – 25 Entities From Industry, Nonprofits, Academia, and Others

Members

1. AARP
2. Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
3. American Botanical Council
4. American Medical Association
5. American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
6. Consumer Healthcare Products Association
7. Council for Responsible Nutrition
8. LegitScript
9. National Consumers League
10. NSF International
11. Pharmavite
12. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
13. The Gerontological Society of America
14. The Obesity Action Coalition
15. The Obesity Society
16. The Pew Charitable Trusts

17. U.S. Pharmacopeia

18. United Natural Products Alliance

19. Underwriters Laboratories

20. University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy

Observers

1. American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
2. Arthritis Foundation
3. National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
4. National Association of Chain Drug Stores
5. Purdue University School of Pharmacy Center for Medication Safety Advancement

- 1. Consumer confidence:** Consumers should be able to trust that products marketed in the United States as dietary supplements are safe and contain all the ingredients – and only the ingredients – that are claimed on the label.
- 2. Requirements:** All dietary supplements should meet or exceed all current, applicable legal requirements.
- 3. Transparency:** Relevant information about dietary supplements should be transparent and accessible.
- 4. Accountability:** Parties engaged in the production, manufacture or distribution of the illegal, fraudulent, adulterated, or misbranded (a) raw materials marketed as an ingredient for use in a dietary supplement product, and/or (b) finished dietary supplement products should be held appropriately accountable to ensure that consumers are not exposed to dangerous or harmful products.
- 5. Agency support:** Agencies need sufficient resources and tools to ensure the quality and safety of dietary supplements.
- 6. Evidence-based decisions:** Actions and recommendations based on the best-available evidence and made in the interest of public health.

- United by a common purpose
- Equal voice
- Consensus agenda and actions
- Active participation and input on Collaborative's strategy
- Quarterly face-to-face meetings of full Collaborative; monthly telecons
- Convener: U.S. Pharmacopeia
- Facilitator: FaegreBD Consulting

1. Quality 2020

2. Tainted & Intentionally Adulterated Products

3. Building Awareness

- Led by co-chairs
- ~Monthly telecons
- Working Groups collaborate across a co-chairs council prior to quarterly face-to-face meetings

- Quality Matrix
- DSQC Website

Thank You