



# Your Contributions Play a Vital Role in Improving Public Health



The U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention's (USP's) mission is to improve public health through standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines, supplements, and food ingredients. We do this through collaboration with stakeholders from industry, government, and academia who voluntarily contribute their scientific expertise, services, and materials to help ensure USP standards address current industry and public health needs.

## USP Reference Standards and Monographs

USP Reference Standards are highly characterized physical specimens used with USP monographs to demonstrate the identity, strength, purity, and quality of a particular product. In order to develop new Reference Standards, USP often receives donated candidate reference materials from manufacturers and subjects those materials to rigorous analysis and review to determine if they are suitable for use.

Monographs originate from sponsors who provide draft standards and supporting data to either create new or revise existing monographs. USP's scientific staff and volunteer experts review this input, conduct laboratory tests (when necessary), and forward the new or modernized monograph to 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)*.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the USP Donor Recognition Program (DRP), please go to <http://www.usp.org/donor-recognition-program>.

## USP's Donor Recognition Program

USP created the Donor Recognition Program to demonstrate our appreciation for the valuable contributions of stakeholders like you. Here's how you can contribute to the development of USP standards:

- Submit new or revised proposed monographs for the *USP–NF*, the *FCC*, or the *DSC*.
- Comment on new or revised monographs through our free online forums: the *PF* or *FCC Forum*.
- Donate candidate reference materials to be developed as USP Reference Standards.
- Use the USP Donor Submission Portal to track progress of your submissions, communicate with USP's Standards Acquisition Department, search for monographs, and more.

For submissions, contact Mike Goede, Senior Standards Acquisition Manager, via email at [myg@usp.org](mailto:myg@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.
- Receive a summary of the data collected by USP on your candidate reference material.
- Become a “Standards-Setting Contributor.”
- Contributions may be tax deductible.

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# Recognizing Your Contributions to Public Health

Donors of new or modernized monographs and candidate reference materials may receive, at their discretion, Certificates of Appreciation when monographs reach the publication in forum stage or when candidate-donated reference materials are received. Reference material donors may also receive one packaged vial of their Reference Standard and a summary of the data collected by USP on their candidate reference material at the time of release,

recognition in USP publications, and a personalized engraved crystal recognition award for their contribution to public health.

In addition to Certificates of Appreciation, each new or modernized monograph donor will be eligible for 2,000 USP credits, awarded annually; receive recognition in USP publications; and be able to choose from the following recognition options:

Annual Milestones	Recognition Option	USP Credits
<p><b>New Monograph Submission:</b> Donor completes a first-time submission of a new monograph to USP and monograph is published in forum for comment.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><b>Monograph Modernization:</b> Donor proposes monograph revisions that have particularly high priority to USP and users of USP standards because the monograph contains outdated or inadequate procedures. To view USP's Monograph Priority List about USP's Up-to-Date 2020 monograph modernization initiative, go to <a href="http://www.usp.org/usp-nf/development-process/monograph-modernization">www.usp.org/usp-nf/development-process/monograph-modernization</a>.</p>	Personalized engraved crystal recognition award	Variable*
	Workshop registrations or USP Education courses	Variable*
	Print subscription to the <i>USP-NF</i>	850
	Print subscription to the <i>FCC</i>	500
	Print subscription to the <i>DSC</i>	425
	One-year USB or online <i>USP-NF</i> subscription	850
	<i>USP-NF Archive</i> USB ( <i>USP 28-NF 23</i> through <i>USP 36-NF 31</i> )	1,250
	<i>USP-NF Archive</i> USB (annual)	125
	Two-year online <i>FCC</i> subscription	500
	Print or online <i>USP Dictionary</i>	350
	USP Verification Services incentives	2,000
	USP Reference Standards	Variable*

\*Workshops, courses, USP Reference Standards, and the crystal recognition award will require use of 1 USP credit per US \$1 amount. Also please note: certain workshops outside the U.S. may not be eligible; discuss with your DRP administrator.

## One More Reason to Get Involved

To commemorate its monograph and candidate reference material donors, USP now offers three recognition levels: Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Platinum-level donors will be eligible to attend yearly recognition events with USP executives and keynote speakers.

All donors will be recognized online as USP Standards-Setting Contributors.

New and/or Modernized Monographs		Bulk Candidate Reference Material	
Recognition Level	Number of Contributions	Recognition Level	Number of Contributions
Platinum	3 or more	Platinum	5 or more
Gold	2	Gold	3-4
Silver	1	Silver	1-2