

USP–NF Updates

- [Three New Revision Bulletins](#) (posted 25–May–2018)
- [One New Pending Notice](#) (posted 25–May–2018)
- [Cumulative List Updated](#) (posted 25–May–2018)
- [One New Publication Announcement](#) (posted 15–May–2018)

USP–NF Components

USP–NF is a combination of two compendia, the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) and the National Formulary (*NF*). Monographs for drug substances, dosage forms, and compounded preparations are featured in the USP. Monographs for dietary supplements and ingredients appear in a separate section of the USP. Excipient monographs are in the *NF*.

Monographs

A monograph includes the name of the ingredient or preparation; the definition; packaging, storage, and labeling requirements; and the specification. The specification consists of a series of tests, procedures for the tests, and acceptance criteria. These tests and procedures require the use of official [USP Reference Standards](#). Medicinal ingredients and products will have the stipulated strength, quality, and purity if they conform to the requirements of the monograph and relevant general chapters.

- [View a sample USP–NF monograph.](#)

General Chapters

Tests and procedures referred to in multiple monographs are described in detail in the *USP–NF* general chapters.

General Notices

The General Notices provide definitions for terms used in the monographs, as well as information that is necessary to interpret the monograph requirements.

Official Recognition

The U.S. Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act designates the *USP–NF* as official compendia for

drugs marketed in the United States. A drug product in the U.S. market must conform to the standards in *USP–NF* to avoid possible charges of adulteration and misbranding. [Learn more](#).

Standards Established through a Public Process

USP creates and continuously revises *USP–NF* standards through a unique public–private collaborative process, which involves pharmaceutical scientists in industry, academia, and government as well as other interested parties from anywhere in the world.

[Warning Notice about *USP–NF* on Unauthorized Websites](#)