

Coordination of PF Submissions and New USP Reference Standards

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USP recently announced a new process in which revisions and new monographs will not be published as official standards until the required USP reference standards are available for purchase [see Policies and Announcements, *PF 32(3)*]. We are pleased to announce another process change being implemented to better synchronize the availability of USP reference standards and the adoption of new documentary standards in the *USP-NF*. Effective March 28, 2006, any revision proposal involving the use of a first-time USP reference standard will be scheduled for publication in the PF only after a suitable reference standard bulk candidate has been received by USP. The timing of this new process affects regular revisions (not new monographs/general chapters) submitted to PF 32(4) and all revisions and new monographs/general chapters beginning with *PF 32(5)*. While we acknowledge that this may cause a brief delay in publication of some proposed revisions and new monographs, we believe this process change is a benefit to USP customers and will ultimately lead to better public standards. It is anticipated that there may be some exceptions to this new process on a case-by-case basis.