USP–NF Online: Proposal for Changes to Title and Format

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USP is announcing proposed changes to the title and format of the *USP–NF*. These changes align with the transition to a fully electronic publishing model for USP publications, including the *USP–NF*, and solidifying one source for official text.

This notice is one mechanism intended to communicate the proposed changes as well as to solicit feedback.

Beginning in 2020, the *USP–NF* will transition to publishing three online-only publication updates per year. USP plans to continue publishing accelerated revisions and errata on a monthly basis. There will be no change to publishing dates, official dates associated with scheduled publications, or the six-month implementation period.

Once per calendar year, a non-official volume of the *USP–NF*, which will include all associated revisions and additions, will be available in print and/or USB flash drive format. This volume is intended to serve as a historical reference document and is not considered official text. USP is interested in feedback on whether a print copy or print-format PDF on USB drive edition would be preferred by users.

USP is also changing the publication title to align with the electronic format. The new publication title format will be as follows:

- *USP–NF* 2020 Issue 1
- *USP–NF* 2020 Issue 2
- *USP–NF* 2020 Issue 3

The term “supplement” will be eliminated, as the *USP–NF* Online will always include the complete, up-to-date set of standards.

General Notices will communicate that the revision/edition increases with each publication, three times per year (not just once per year as it does now).

See the table below for details.

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| *USP–NF* 2020 Issue 1 | February 1, 2020  | August 1, 2020 | Forty-fourth revision of the *USP*  
Thirty-ninth edition of the *NF* |
| *USP–NF* 2020 Issue 2 | June 1, 2020      | December 1, 2020 | Forty-fifth revision of the *USP*  
Fortieth edition of the *NF* |
| *USP–NF* 2020 Issue 3 | November 1, 2020  | May 1, 2021    | Forty-sixth revision of the *USP*  
Forty-first edition of the *NF* |
| *USP–NF* 2021 Issue 1 | February 1, 2021  | August 1, 2021 | Forty-seventh revision of the *USP*  
Forty-second edition of the *NF* |
| *USP–NF* 2021 Issue 2 | June 1, 2021      | December 1, 2021 | Forty-eighth revision of the *USP*  
Forty-third edition of the *NF* |
| *USP–NF* 2021 Issue 3 | November 1, 2021  | May 1, 2022    | Forty-ninth revision of the *USP*  
Forty-fourth edition of the *NF* |

The timeline for implementation is as follows:

- February 2019: Last print supplement (*Second Supplement to USP 42–NF 37*)
- November 2019: Last print book in current format (*USP 43–NF 38*)
USP is seeking feedback on the proposal, specifically on the change to the publication title, as well as interest in a non-official print/USB edition, by November 1, 2018.

Stakeholders can also attend the October 18, 2018 Prescription/Non-prescription Stakeholder Forum in person or remotely and participate in the afternoon open forum discussion to provide further input. Registration is required, the event is free.

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