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### **USP–NF's Continuous Revision Process and Superseded Text**

The United States Pharmacopeia–National Formulary (*USP–NF*) is continuously revised. Revisions are presented annually in the *USP–NF*, in twice-yearly Supplements, and as Accelerated Revisions on the USP website. USP uses its Accelerated Revision processes to expedite revisions to the *USP–NF*. Accelerated Revisions include Revision Bulletins, Interim Revision Announcements (IRAs), and Errata.

### **Accelerated Revisions: Revision Bulletins, IRAs, & Errata**

- **Revision Bulletins** are USP's most expedited revisions, supersede standards published in the *USP–NF* and its Supplements (print and online versions). A Revision Bulletin posted on the USP website indicates its official date and the date that it will be incorporated into an official publication.
- **IRAs** are proposed in PF for a 90-day public comment period. Once comments (if any) are reviewed and the IRA is approved by the appropriate Expert Committee, final IRAs are posted on the USP website. Like Revision Bulletins, IRAs supersede standards published in the print and online *USP–NF* and its Supplements. IRAs are incorporated into the next available official publication.
- **Errata** are considered to be text erroneously published in the *USP–NF* or its Supplements that does not accurately reflect the intended requirements as approved by the Council of Experts. Errata are posted on the Web site and are official the first day of the following month. Errata are incorporated into the next available official publication.

Once published in the print and online publications, Revision Bulletins and IRAs are official as of the date indicated on the website and are not subject to the general six-month delayed official date for the particular publication.

Learn more by visiting the [Accelerated Revision History](#) and [the USP Guideline on Use of Accelerated Processes for Revisions to the USP–NF](#). To receive periodic email updates when USP posts New Official Text, [sign up for the free Compendial Updates service](#).

### **Harmonization Stage 4**

Harmonization Stage 4 includes monographs or general chapters that have completed stages 1-4 of the pharmacopeial harmonization process resulting in approved *USP–NF* text. Stage 6 adopted text is published so that *USP–NF* users may become aware of its availability as a pharmacopeial standard and its targeted official date. [View current Notices of Stage 4 Harmonization](#).

[Learn more about the harmonization process by visiting the Harmonization—Pharmacopeial Discussion Group section of USP's website](#).

### **USP Reference Standards Information**

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- **New USP Reference Standards (posting date 28–Apr–2017; next posting date 28–Jul–2017)**

The following USP RS, which were not available when the associated monograph was made official, have since become available. The respective official date of each *USP–NF* standard, test, or assay requiring the use of the following USP RS is indicated in parentheses after the name of the RS.

- **No changes to post**

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- The official dates of any *USP–NF* standards, tests, or assays requiring the use of the following new USP RS are postponed until further notice pending availability of the respective RS. Please refer to the current [USP Daily Catalog](#) for a more up-to-date availability list.
  - USP Alteplase RS
  - USP Aprotinin RS

- USP Aprotinin System Suitability RS
- USP rProtein A, B4 C-Cys RS
- USP Sargramostim RS

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