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The 2003 Edition of the *USP Dictionary of USAN and International Drug Names* Is Now Available *Trusted Reference Source Available in Both Print and Online Formats*

Rockville, Md., April 8, 2003—The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) is pleased to announce that the 2003 edition of the *USP Dictionary of USAN and International Drug Names (USP Dictionary)* is now available in both a hardcover print and new online format.

The new *USP Dictionary Online* format, which complements the traditional print format, provides users with convenient Web browser-based features for easy navigation and easy search ability by generic and brand drug names, therapeutical/pharmacological category, and molecular formula, CAS numbers and code designation. The information is presented in an easy-to-view table format for comprehensive information at a glance. The online version is compatible with Microsoft Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator.

The *USP Dictionary*, known as the reference guide for established names and other accurate and up-to-date information about drugs, is recognized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as the official source for established drug names. The dictionary provides users with United States Adopted Names (USAN) for drugs along with a drug pronunciation guide, international nonproprietary names, British approved names, Japanese accepted names, official *United States Pharmacopeia* and *National Formulary (USP-NF)* names, nonproprietary (generic) and brand names, a list of drug manufacturers, pharmacologic and therapeutic categories, molecular formulas and weights, chemical names, CAS registry numbers and code designations, and graphic formulas.

“The *USP Dictionary* is an essential tool,” said Richard Wailes, USP’s vice president of sales and marketing, “providing users with information that is comprehensive, accurate, and current, in a variety of formats that will meet diverse needs of our customers.”

The *USP Dictionary* helps ensure official (FDA) compliance in product labeling as well as in the preparation of government applications, such as for new human and animal drug applications, investigational new drugs, and for foreign drug registrations. It also helps ensure the accuracy of product package inserts and labels, and advertising copy. It is helpful when writing reports, articles, and correspondence and verifying names of materials used in laboratory research.

The United States Adopted Names (USAN) program is an organized effort to produce simple and useful nonproprietary names for drugs. The drug names are created and adopted by the USAN Council, which comprises members representing the American Medical Association (AMA), the American Pharmacists Association (formerly the American Pharmaceutical Association), USP, and FDA. The council determines a U.S. nonproprietary or adopted name with the expectation that it will be suitable for prescribing and dispensing purposes and as the title of an analytical monograph, should the article be recognized in the *USP-NF*.

For further information about the *USP Dictionary*, visit the USP Web site at www.usp.org or e-mail your questions to custsvc@usp.org. To order the 2003 edition of the *USP Dictionary*, please call USP Customer Service at 1-800-227-8772 or 301-881-0666, or order online at www.usp.org.

Editor's Note: A photo of the *USP Dictionary* is attached in this news release. For a jpeg photo of the *USP Dictionary*, please e-mail the USP public relations department at mediarelations@usp.org.

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