

USP Stakeholder Forum

Dietary Supplements & Herbal Medicines



Wednesday, June 5, 2024 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT

Hybrid Meeting

USP Rockville Headquarters | 12601 Twinbrook Parkway | Rockville, MD 20852

Draft Agenda (May 22, 2024)

Event Moderator: Duffy Mackay, USP Dietary Supplements & Herbal Medicines Stakeholder Forum Planning Committee Chair and Senior Vice President Dietary Supplements, Consumer Healthcare Products Association

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **Registration, Coffee, and Tea Services**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.** **Welcome and Logistics**
Speaker: Jacqueline D. Starkes, Program Manager | USP
- 9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.** **Introduction and Objectives for Today's Dietary Supplements & Herbal Medicines Stakeholder Forum**
Speaker: Duffy Mackay, USP Dietary Supplements & Herbal Medicines Stakeholder Forum Planning Committee, Chair
- 9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.** **USP Updates: Past, Present, and Future Activities**
Expected Outcome: Provide an understanding of the importance of stakeholder engagement for USP, along with an update on recent and upcoming USP activities.
Moderator: James Griffiths, Senior Vice President International & Scientific Affairs | Council for Responsible Nutrition
- a. Standard Development Activities Overview, Kit Goldman | USP
 - b. Monograph Compliance vs. USP Verification Program, Seong Jae Yoo | USP
 - c. Admission Evaluation for Ingredients, Nadeem Akhtar | USP
- Facilitated Panel Discussion**
Moderator: James Griffiths, Senior Vice President International & Scientific Affairs | Council for Responsible Nutrition
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.** **Chewable Gels (aka Gummies)**
Expected Outcome: Discuss new insights into the manufacturing processes for gummies, their impact on quality, and the challenges associated with testing and stability.
Moderator: Mohamed Koroma, Director R & D | Pharmavite
- 10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:35 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Chewable Gels (aka Gummies) Continued**
- a. Formulator Perspective: Manufacturing Processes, Ed Shneyvas, USP Non-Botanical Dietary Supplements EC | Member
 - b. Industry Perspective: Impact on Quality, Katie Banaszewski, Senior Director of Quality | NOW
 - c. Contract Labs Perspective: Challenges Associated with Testing, Grace Bandong | Eurofins
 - d. USP Perspectives: Natalia Davydova, Principal Scientist | USP

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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Establishing Specifications for the Identification of Botanicals

Expected Outcome: Discuss current challenges, compendial perspectives, and the need for identity specifications in new USP Standards.

Moderator: Holly Johnson, Chief Science Officer | American Herbal Products Association

- a. USP Perspective: Robin Marles, Chair of the Botanical Dietary Supplements and Herbal Medicines EC | USP
- b. Regulatory Perspective: Haijing Hu | U.S. FDA
- c. Industry Perspective: Elan Sudberg | Alkemist

Facilitated Panel Discussion

Moderator: Holly Johnson, Chief Science Officer | American Herbal Products Association

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Unique Challenges Related to Evaluating Quality of Dietary Supplements Containing Probiotics

Expected Outcome: Discuss the FDA's perspectives on the USP approach to probiotic standards and share the industry's challenges in maintaining the quality of supplements containing probiotics.

Moderator: Bill Turney, Senior Director Regulatory Affairs | Kerry Foods

- a. FDA's Perspectives on Probiotics: Betsy Jean Yakes | U.S. FDA
- b. DNA-based Methods for Strain-Specific Identification and Enumeration of Probiotics: Hanan Shehata | Purity-IQ
- c. Probiotic Finished Dosage Forms Quality: ID, Enumeration, Shelf Life, Overages, Marie-Eve Boyte | Probiotic Expert panel & Nutra Pharma Consulting Services
- d. USP's Perspectives: Binu Koshy, Team Lead, Senior Scientist II | USP

Facilitated Panel Discussion

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2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fireside Chat: How Can We Move the Needle: Common GMP Warning Letters - Failure To Meet Specifications

Expected Outcome: Discuss current observations from FDA GMP inspections.

Moderator: Robert Durkin, Co-Chair of the Food & Drug Practice | Arnold Golden Gregory, LLP Arnold

- a. Tyler Daniels, Senior Scientist | Thorne
- b. Jennifer Ahearn, CEO | GMPACT

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4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Open Mic: An Invitation to Bring Your Topics to The Agenda to Discuss

Moderator: Duffy Mackay, Dietary Supplements & Herbal Medicines Stakeholder Forum Planning Committee, Chair

4:50 p.m. – 4:58 p.m.

Next Steps/Closing Remarks/Slido Survey

Moderator: Duffy Mackay, Dietary Supplements & Herbal Medicines Stakeholder Forum Planning Committee, Chair

5:00 p.m.

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