

# Ensuring the supply of quality medicines

An Overview of USP  
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# Overview



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- ▶ Our Impact
- ▶ Future commitments

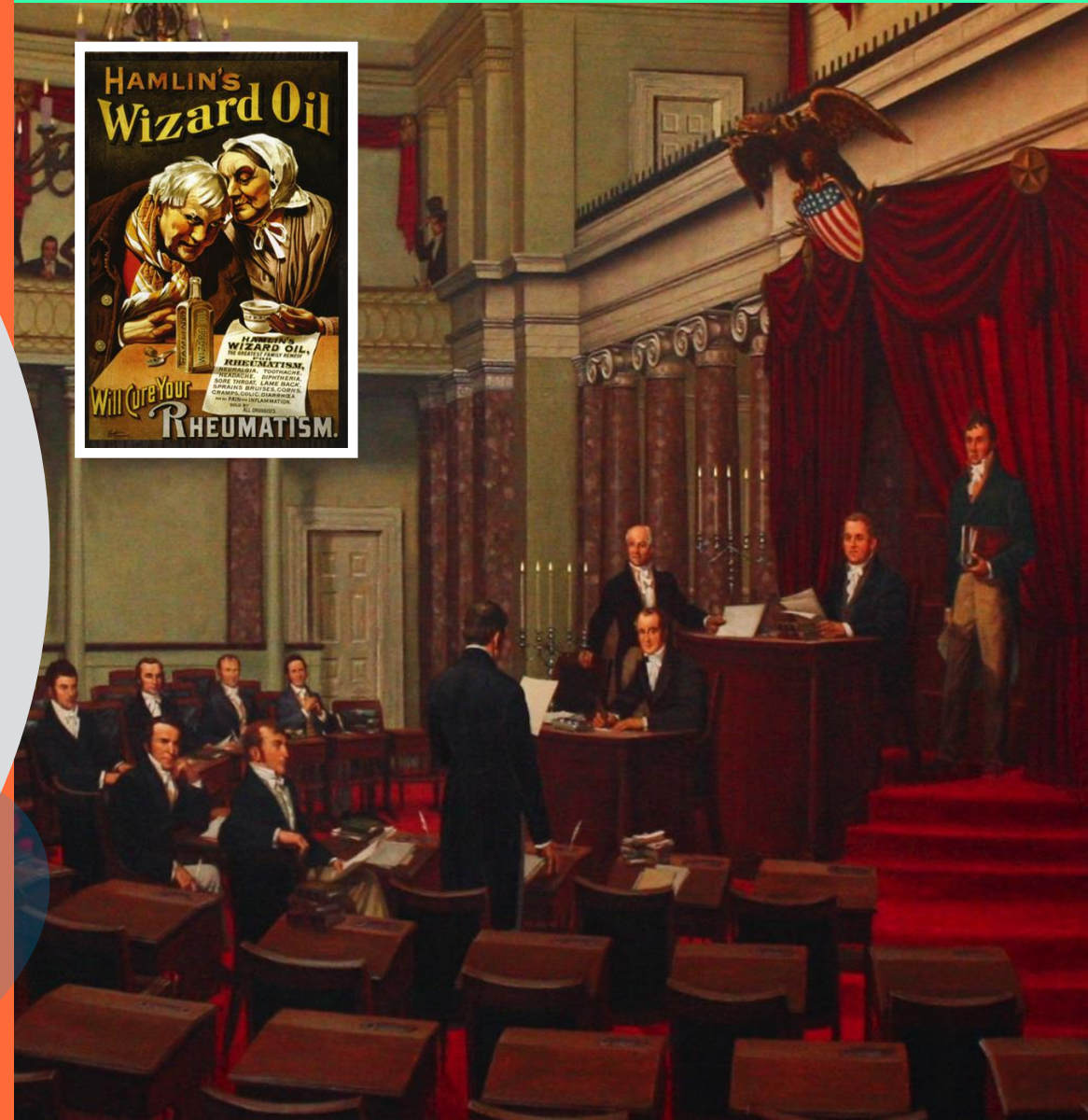


# 1 USP's third century

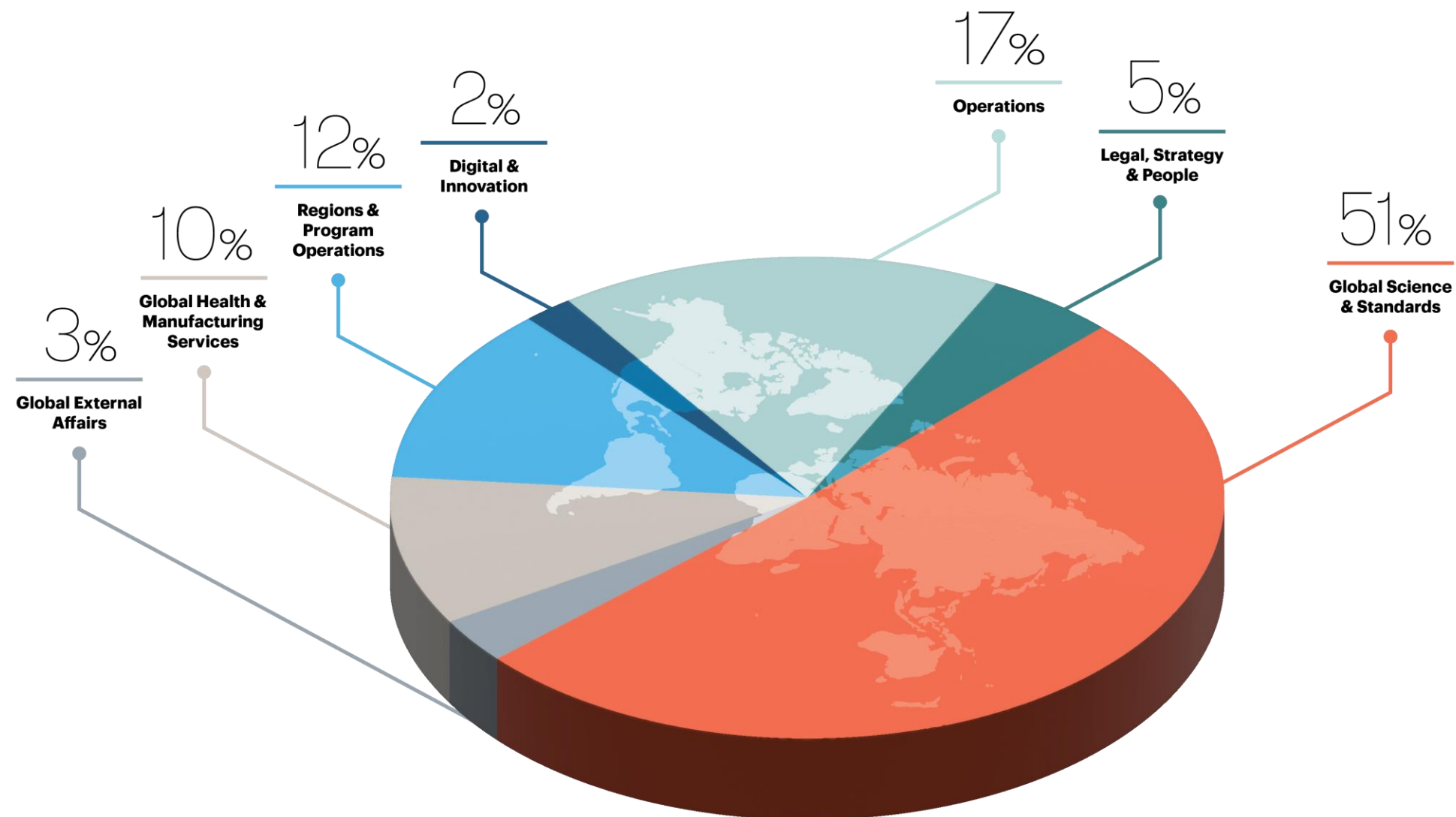
# Our enduring mission



To improve global health through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods.



# More than 1300 USP staff deliver our global mission



# USP staff are located where medicines are made



Region	Location	Laboratory & Standard Setting	Engagement (scientific, customer and stakeholder)	Strategic support
North America	Frederick, MD	●	●	
	Rockville, MD	●	●	●
	Washington, D.C		●	
Latin America	Brazil		●	
	Chile		●	
	Mexico		●	
Southeast Asia	China		●	
	Knowledge Park, Hyderabad, India	●	●	●
	HITEC City, Hyderabad, India		●	●
	Singapore		●	
	South Korea		●	
Middle East and Africa	Ghana	●	●	
	Jordan		●	
Europe	Basel, Switzerland		●	
Donor funded work (e.g., PQM+, World Bank, etc.)	Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Uzbekistan		●	
	Rockville, MD	●	●	●

# USP convention – regional and sector engagement



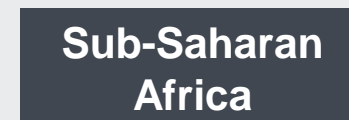
## Sectors



## Chapters



## To be developed



# More than 7,000 USP standards support quality across the supply chain

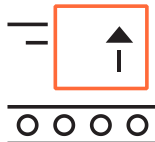


## Manufacturing



- Standards
  - Drug and API monographs
  - Compounding monographs
  - General chapters
  - Characterized reference materials
- Manufacturer capability building
  - Advanced Manufacturing, incl. Pharmaceutical Continuous Manufacturing
  - USAID-funded PQM+ program
  - API and excipient verification

## Distribution



- Standards
  - Good Distribution Practices
  - Packaging and distribution

## Administration



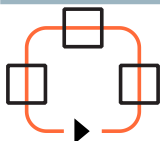
- Standards
  - Labeling
  - Nomenclature
  - COVID-19 Vaccine Handling Toolkit

## Collaborations



- USAID-funded PQM+ program for regulatory capability building in low- and middle- income countries
- APEC Center of Excellence on product and supply chain quality
- Co-hosted summits with WHO to advocate for medicines quality around the world
- Collaboration towards pharmacopeial convergence within the Pharmacopeial Discussion Group (PDG)

## Supply chain diagnosis and monitoring



- Medicine Supply Map – identifying, characterizing and quantifying risk in the upstream supply chain

# Factors shaping our evolution



**Digitalization, Data  
Analytics,  
Informatics**



**Explosion of  
new medicine  
modalities**



**Complex, globalized  
supply chain**



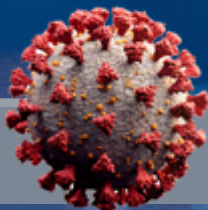
**New  
quality paradigms  
and analytical  
technologies**



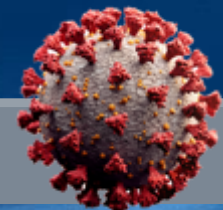
**New ways of  
engaging scientists**



**Medical information  
& knowledge  
tsunami**



**COVID-19 Pandemic**



# Responding to today's public health challenges through coordinated standards, advocacy, and capability building



- ▶ **Standards:** To be a definitive source of standards for the supply of quality medicines
- ▶ **Advocacy:** To be the global institutional leader advancing the supply of quality medicines
- ▶ **Capability Building:** To be a leading provider of services that advance the supply of quality medicines to improve the health and well-being of people and patients



# 2 Our impact

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# Public health priorities we are helping to address



**COVID-19  
response**

**Supply chain  
resiliency**

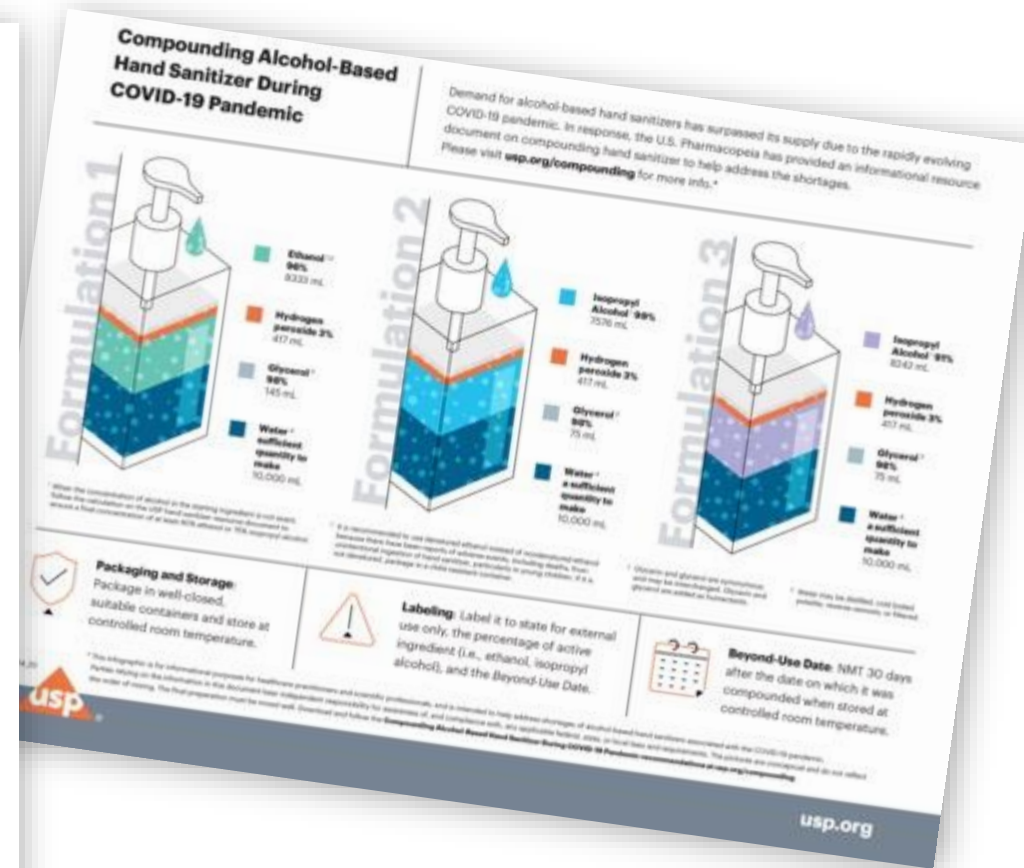
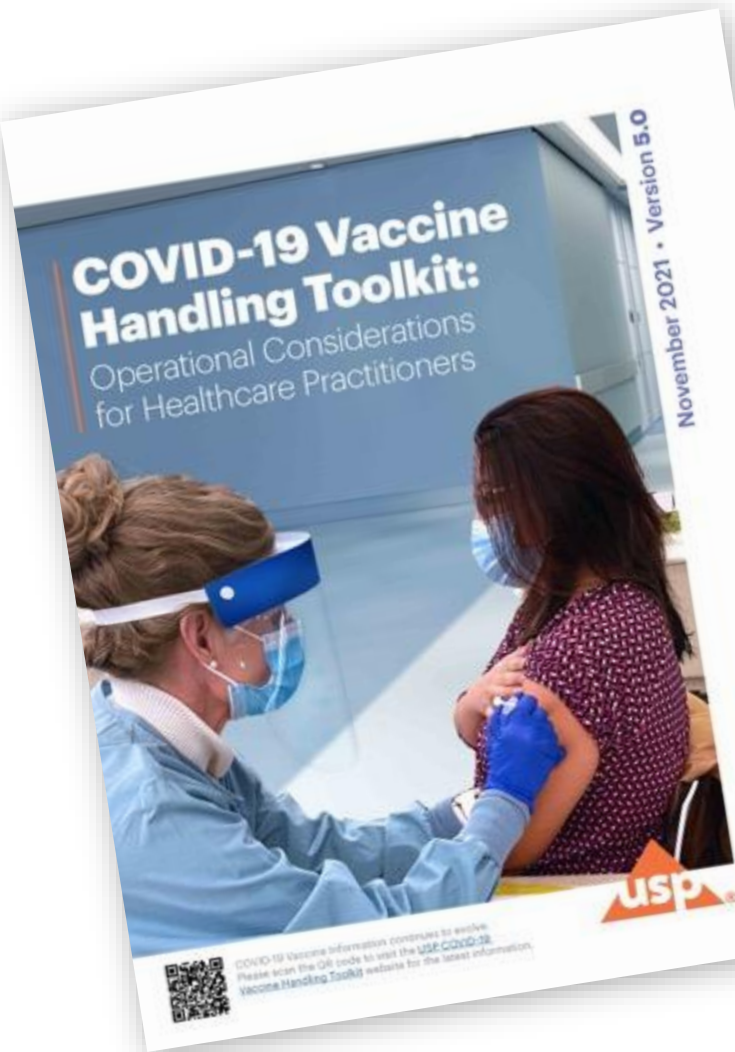
**Harnessing  
advances  
in biomedical  
science**

**Expanding  
regulator  
capacity**

# COVID-19 response



Helping to ensure the supply of quality vaccines, treatments and health information



# Supply chain resiliency



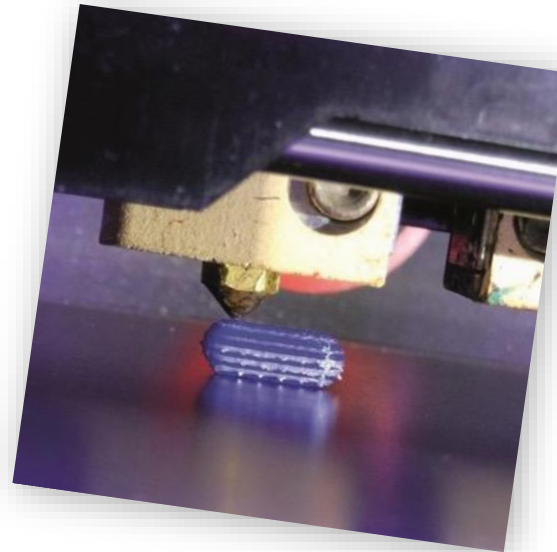
## Delivering insights to inform decision making



- ▶ Informatics to identify risks in the upstream supply chain
- ▶ 200,000 data points
- ▶ Developed to inform investments, purchasing, and policy reforms

## Leveraging standards and technology to enhance production of quality medicines

- ▶ Standards to foster adoption of pharmaceutical continuous manufacturing and 3D printing
- ▶ Partnership with Phlow to provide a supply of essential medicines utilizing continuous manufacturing



# Harnessing biomedical innovation



## Standards that help accelerate innovative drug development

Industry challenge	USP performance standard solutions
<i>Ensure accuracy and consistency</i>	<b>CD34+ cell counting</b>
<i>Assess quality attributes across lots and manufacturers</i>	<b>mRNA vaccine general chapter</b>
<i>Confidence in analytical testing and quality control of new modalities</i>	<b>Monoclonal antibodies work</b>

# Regulator capacity



## Supporting regulator capabilities around the world

**Middle East/North Africa:** Workshop on Analytical methods for Vaccines' Quality

**Thailand:** Regulatory awareness on Emergency Use Authorizations for vaccines and diagnostics for LMIC regulators, by USP & USAID

**South Korea:** Workshop on Cell and Gene therapies with NIFDS on regulatory and compendial perspectives

**Singapore:** Partnered with Centre of Regulatory Excellence on good reliance practices and post marketing surveillance

**APEC:** USP hosts two **Centers of Excellence for Regulatory Science (CoE)**

- Supply Chain CoE 2021 programming in Malaysia
- Advanced Therapies CoE programming on raw materials and also bioassays



# Future commitments

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# Meeting the challenges of public health priorities



1. Remove barriers to the adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies to support production of quality medical products
2. Characterize supply chain vulnerabilities that enable our partners' preventative and mitigative actions
3. Expand services to individual manufacturers to enhance capacity to produce quality medical products
4. Create and modernize standards to address the most pressing issues in production of quality medical products
5. Support the quality supply of current and future COVID-19 treatments in, and entering, the market



# Improving the pharmaceutical environmental footprint initiative



Furthering USP's leadership role in improving the environmental impact of pharma manufacturing, quality testing, and across the supply chain while ensuring quality medicines

- ▶ Inventory finding over 3 decades of positive impact through USP modernization and harmonization initiatives
- ▶ Early stakeholder roundtable with key pharma and environmental associations
- ▶ US government engagement (Office of Science and Technology Policy, FDA, EPA) and international planning (Pharmacopeial Discussion Group)

## USP Convention Resolution

### Environmental Concerns (1995)

The USP is encouraged to initiate a program to protect the environment by adopting standards and analytical methods for pharmaceuticals, containers, and other articles that reduce the amount of reagents and materials used in pharmaceutical tests and assays that have the potential to cause harm to human health and the environment.

- ▶ New incubation exploring over 60 opportunities for standards, advocacy and capability building



Jane Sheridan, chairman of the USP Subcommittee on Chemical Purity.

*Methods specific for the solvent residues that may be present should be used, and the limits for toxic solvents such as methylene chloride and methanol should differ from those for compounds like ethanol.*

# Thank You



**Empowering a healthy tomorrow**