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| **Update on USP General Chapter <800>:  *Hazardous Drugs—Handling in Healthcare Settings***  USP is announcing the [intent to postpone](http://www.uspnf.com/notices/gc-800-hazardous-drugs-handling-in-healthcare-settings) the official date of General Chapter <800> *Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings*.  To protect patients and healthcare workers from potential harm, USP General Chapters <800> *Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings* and <797> *Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations* are designed to provide comprehensive standards for all healthcare workers to help ensure the safe handling of hazardous drugs throughout the healthcare system, including in the practice of compounding. The intent of the USP Compounding Expert Committee is that these chapters be implemented at the same time. To honor this intention, the official date of USP General Chapter <800> will be postponed to align with the expected official date of USP General Chapter <797>. The next revision to General Chapter <797> is anticipated to be published in the *Pharmacopeial Forum 44(5)* September/October 2018 for a second round of public comment. Both USP General Chapter <797> and USP General Chapter <800> are anticipated to become official on December 1, 2019.  As we all move toward safer handling of hazardous drugs in the work place, USP continues to encourage and support early adoption and implementation of USP General Chapter <800> to protect the public health in all healthcare settings. USP will continue to support stakeholders through ongoing education and outreach, and have updated their web-based resources.  Resources   * Download [USP General Chapter <800>](https://www.usp.org/usp-chapter-800-download)   *Note: This chapter alone is not sufficient for a comprehensive approach to safe handling of hazardous drugs.  Additional chapters are required for complete implementation; see* [*USP Compounding Compendium*](http://www.usp.org/store/products-services/usp-compounding-compendium)*or*[*USP-NF*](http://www.usp.org/store/products-services/usp-nf)*.*   * For additional information on [USP General Chapter <800>](http://www.usp.org/compounding/general-chapter-hazardous-drugs-handling-healthcare) * USP General Chapter [<800> FAQs](http://www.usp.org/frequently-asked-questions/hazardous-drugs-handling-healthcare-settings) * USP General Chapter [<800> Education Courses](http://education.usp.org/) * Sign up for [USP updates](http://www.usp.org/hqs-signup-form) |