

Revision of the Korean Pharmacopoeia 8th Edition

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The mission of pharmacopoeia is to promote the public health by establishing and disseminating the officially recognized standards of the quality of medicines and authoritative information about the use of them and other health care technologies by health professionals, patients, and consumers.

Korean Pharmacopoeia was first established on October 10, 1958 and revised per 5 years. 8th edition was published December 30, 2002 and we are preparing English edition.

To revise the Korean Pharmacopoeia 8th edition, KFDA established 4 Subcommittee on Korean Pharmacopoeia and did research with academia and industry about the general notice, general rules for preparations, General tests and monographs. The most important principle of revision is international harmonization with USP, JP and EP.

In 8th edition, 43 monographs were newly listed and 39 deleted, total 1485 monographs are listed. Transdermal system is newly listed in the general rules for preparations. And the composition of KP is as follows.

General Notices

General Rules for preparation

MonographsPart I

Active ingredients

Basic Preparations

MonographsPart II

Crude drugs

Combined preparations

Biological drugs

Additives for preparations

Quasi-drugs

General tests

Appendix

Reference Standard

Reagents

To develop better Korean pharmacopoeia, we try to cooperate with academia and industry consecutively and set up separate agency that are in charge of Korean pharmacopoeia.