

Press Release

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RAPS Honors Inaugural Class of Fellows

Boston—The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) today honored its inaugural class of RAPS Fellows. The honor was bestowed upon 27 highly accomplished professionals working in the healthcare product regulatory field. The Fellows were honored in a presentation that took place during the 2008 RAPS Annual Conference & Exhibition in Boston.

The RAPS Fellows program recognizes senior regulatory professionals for their continued significant contributions and leadership in the advancement of the profession and the professional. Fellows receive a dignified status and special services from RAPS and will serve as important resources for strategic dialogue, mentoring, implementation of special initiatives and international development.

“RAPS Fellows’ credentials were peer reviewed and selected based on their tenure, role and contributions to the regulatory profession, as well as their commitment to building the profession,” said RAPS Executive Director Sherry Keramidas, PhD, CAE. “Being named as a RAPS Fellow is not intended as solely an honorific title. RAPS will utilize the wisdom and energy of this group to critically examine current and emerging issues and to provide guidance to RAPS and the Board of Directors.”

The 2008 RAPS Fellows are:

- **Susan Alpert, MD, PhD**, senior vice president, chief regulatory officer, Medtronic Inc., Minneapolis
- **Neil Armstrong**, chief executive officer, MeddiQuest Ltd., Welwyn Garden City, UK
- **Martha Carter, RAC**, senior vice president, regulatory affairs and quality assurance, Proteon Therapeutics Inc., Waltham, MA
- **Andrea Chamblee, RAC**, senior compliance officer, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical Inc., Silver Spring, MD
- **Bogdan Dziurzynski, DPA, RAC**, consultant, Sweetwater, Cardinal, VA
- **S. Albert Edwards, PharmD, RAC**, director, regulatory affairs, Takeda Pharmaceuticals Products Inc., Lake Forest, IL
- **Jethro Ekuta**, group director, Bristol-Meyers Squibb Company, Pennington, NJ
- **Mark Gordon, MS, RAC**, vice president, global regulatory advocacy and policy, Boston Scientific Corporation, Natick, MA
- **Shelia Hemeon-Heyer, JD, RAC**, vice president, global regulatory affairs, Boston Scientific Corporation, Natick, MA
- **Douglas Hunt**, senior director, regulatory affairs, Baxter Healthcare, Westlake Village, CA
- **Tamima Itani**, vice president, global regulatory affairs, Baxter Healthcare, Deerfield, IL
- **David Jefferys**, senior vice president, global regulatory affairs, Eisai Europe, Ltd., London, UK
- **Cheri Jones, MS, RAC**, vice president, regulatory affairs, Peplin Operations USA Inc., Emeryville, CA
- **Cecilia Kimberlin, RAC**, vice president, QA/RA/medical affairs, medical products, Abbott Laboratories Inc., Abbott Park, IL

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- **Charma Konnor, PharmD, RAC**, executive director/consultant, drugs and devices, Phoenix Regulatory Associates Ltd., Ocean View, DE
- **Alison Lawton**, senior vice president, global market access, Genzyme Corporation, Cambridge, MA
- **Donald Middlebrook**, vice president, corporate quality assurance and regulatory affairs, Thoratec Corporation, Pleasanton, CA
- **Michael Morton, RAC**, senior director, corporate regulatory affairs, Medtronic Inc., Minneapolis
- **William Morton, RAC**, founder and president, Medical Device Consultants Inc., North Attleboro, MA
- **Rodney Ruston, RAC**, director, Priory Analysts Ltd., Milton Keynes, UK
- **S. Michael Sharp**, senior vice president, regulatory and clinical affairs, ConforMIS Inc., Burlington, MA
- **Sue Sutton-Jones**, senior vice president, RA/QA, OraSure Technologies Inc., Bethlehem, PA
- **Rainer Voelksen, RAC**, executive, international regulatory affairs, GE Healthcare, Buc Cedex, France
- **John L. Webster, RAC**, managing director, Medical Device Consultants International Ltd., Crawley, UK
- **Joyce Williams, RAC**, principal consultant, ProFocus Regulatory Solutions, La Jolla, CA
- **Winifred Wu**, vice president, regulatory affairs, Medtronic Neuromodulation, Minneapolis
- **Robert Yocher, RAC**, vice president, regulatory affairs and corporate quality compliance, Genzyme Corp., Framingham, MA

About RAPS

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