

## *Press Release*

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### **329 Healthcare Product Regulatory Professionals Achieve RAC Certification**

*More than 5,000 have earned the RAC, the only certification for regulatory professionals*

**Rockville, MD**—Another 329 regulatory professionals achieved Regulatory Affairs Certification (RAC) during the most recent exam period for the professional certification which was awarded in December. Administered by the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS), the RAC is the only certification for regulatory professionals in the healthcare product sector. To date, more than 5,000 individuals have earned the RAC designation.

“In this economy it’s more important than ever for professionals to bolster their own value and credibility,” said RAPS Executive Director Sherry Keramidas, PhD, CAE. “Earning the RAC is one of the best ways for regulatory professionals to do that. By earning the RAC credential, they signal to their employers, their colleagues and their business associates that they have significant regulatory knowledge and are dedicated to their profession.”

RAC-credentialed professionals are among the current and rising leaders in the regulatory profession. They work in all parts of the world and in many settings, including industry, government and academic organizations. As evidence that the credential’s prominence and importance is increasing, registrations for the RAC exam are on the rise. Registration for the April/May 2009 exam period is currently open and more information can be found online at [www.raps.org/rac](http://www.raps.org/rac). The RAC exam is intended for regulatory professionals with three to five years of regulatory experience.

Currently, three different RAC certifications are available: RAC (US) for US regulations, RAC (EU) for European regulations, and RAC (CAN) for Canadian regulations. RAPS soon will launch a fourth RAC credential covering the general scope of practice for regulatory professionals worldwide. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

#### **About RAPS**

The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) is an international membership organization of regulatory professionals in the rapidly growing medical device, pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors. As regulatory professionals, RAPS members perform vital work in all areas of the healthcare product lifecycle, ensuring these products are safe and effective, while driving organizational strategy and sound decision-making. RAPS supports these individuals and the regulatory profession as a whole by providing education and training, certification, professional standards, research, knowledge-sharing, publications, networking and career development opportunities and other valuable resources; and is committed to helping its members continually develop the knowledge and skills they need to excel. [RAPS.org](http://RAPS.org)

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