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ASCP'S TOM CLARK TO JOIN THE ASCP FOUNDATION

(Alexandria, VA – October 24, 2007) ASCP Chair Robert J. Miller, RPh, FASCP, and ASCP Foundation Chair Frank Cirillo, RPh, FASCP, announce that Thomas R. Clark, RPh, MHS, director of policy and advocacy for the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), will join the ASCP Foundation as director of clinical affairs beginning January 1, 2008.

“We look forward to welcoming Tom Clark to the ASCP Foundation in January,” stated Cirillo. “His role will include the development of new programs and projects as the Foundation implements its new strategic plan to bring the issues of good medication management to caregivers and the public. His wide ranging experience in education, product development, and policy, and his extensive clinical background will help the Foundation achieve the goals and objectives it has set for the future.”

“Tom Clark has been a tremendous asset to ASCP members and consultant and senior care pharmacy during his career with the Society,” said Miller. “I know he will continue to make great contributions to ASCP members, the profession of pharmacy, and better medication outcomes for older adults in this new position.”

Clark first joined ASCP in 1994 as director of education and professional affairs. He coordinated a project to develop Standards of Practice for Long-Term Care Pharmacy that happened about the same time the Joint Commission created an accreditation program for long-term care pharmacies. Clark was instrumental in developing a certification program in geriatric pharmacy, which led to the formation of the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP).

During his tenure as director of professional affairs, he created a number of products and resources for members including the popular clinical reference card series, *ASCP Nursing Home Survey Procedures and Interpretive Guidelines*, *Medication Guide for the Long-Term Care Nurse*, and the *Consultant Pharmacist Handbook*. Additionally, he was a regular contributor to *The Consultant Pharmacist*.

In 2003, just as the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) was being finalized, ASCP's Professional Affairs and Government Affairs Departments were merged into what is now the Policy and Advocacy Department. As director of policy and advocacy, Clark's primary focus has been on helping to shape policies related to Medicare Part D and long-term care, and assisting ASCP members with the transition into the new era for long-term

care pharmacy. During this time, he became recognized as a leading expert regarding long-term care issues and MMA.

ASCP will begin an aggressive national search for a new Director of Policy and Advocacy.

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, the recognized expert in geriatric pharmacotherapy, is the international professional association that provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to advance the practice of consultant and senior care pharmacy. ASCP's 8,000 members manage and improve drug therapy and improve the quality of life of geriatric patients and other individuals residing in a variety of environments, including nursing facilities, subacute care and assisted living facilities, psychiatric hospitals, hospice programs, and in-home and community-based care. Visit ASCP's Web site at www.ascp.com.

The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation is the research and education affiliate of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. Its mission is to improve the health and well-being of older persons through appropriate, effective, and safe medication use. The ASCP Foundation provides leadership, innovation, and expertise in medicines and aging to seniors and those who care for them. The unique focus of the ASCP Foundation is the development, integration, and application of knowledge regarding medication use in the senior population and the practice of senior care pharmacy to optimize health care outcomes. Visit the ASCP Foundation's Web site at www.ascpfoundation.org.

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