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Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Releases 2006 Annual Report

(Washington, DC) -- The Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS) has released its Annual Report for 2006. "This report has an exciting new look and expanded content that we hope will interest the pharmacy community in BPS' growing certification programs," said Jannet M. Carmichael, PharmD, BCPS, BPS Chairman. In addition to the basic content from past years, this year's report has several new features including:

- A complete list of all newly certified and re-certified specialists by BPS in 2006
- Mini-biographical profiles of several successful BPS-certified specialists
- The first BPS Employer Profile which recognizes Dennis K. Helling, PharmD, Executive Director of Pharmacy Operations and Therapeutics at Kaiser Permanente in Colorado
- A dramatic new full-color design scheme with a short-fold cover and varied text and images. The new look report mirrors the existing BPS web site and other printed materials.

BPS developed its 2006 report with Dever Designs, a strategic design studio based in Laurel, Maryland. Dever Designs has extensive experience working with health care professional organizations and is recognized for creating impressive publications and marketing materials which clearly communicate their clients' desired messages and produce effective results. "BPS hopes that this report will be the first of many, documenting our significant growth and contributions to pharmacy and healthcare nationally and

internationally,” said Richard J. Bertin, PhD, Executive Director of BPS. “We would like readers to give us feedback to make next year’s report even better.”

Copies of the 2006 BPS Annual Report are being widely distributed through the pharmacy community. It may also be viewed and downloaded from the BPS web site, in the Newsletter section.

The **Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS)** was founded by the American Pharmaceutical Association (now the American Pharmacists Association, APhA) in January 1976 to recognize specialties and certify pharmacists in specialized areas of pharmacy practice. Five specialties are currently recognized by BPS: 1) nuclear pharmacy, since 1978; 2) nutrition support pharmacy, since 1988; 3) pharmacotherapy, since 1988; 4) psychiatric pharmacy, since 1992; and 5) oncology pharmacy, since 1996. Nearly 6,000 pharmacist specialists are currently certified by BPS.

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