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## Dr. Duane Kirking Elected Chair of USP Board of Trustees

*Will Guide Organization in Mission to Improve Worldwide  
Public Health through Quality Standards for Medicines and Foods*

**Rockville, Md., January 15, 2009** — The U.S. Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention is pleased to announce that Duane M. Kirking, Pharm.D., Ph.D., has been elected as the new chairman of its Board of Trustees. In this role, Dr. Kirking will guide the independent, not-for-profit organization as it advances the health of citizens worldwide by creating and expanding the use of science-based standards that help assure the quality, purity, strength and consistency of medicines, dietary supplements and food ingredients. He succeeds John W. Mauger, Ph.D., who has served as chairman of the Board since March 2005.

Dr. Kirking has almost 30 years of involvement with medication use-related research, service and teaching. He retired last year after a 27-year faculty career at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and School of Public Health. He was instrumental in developing the College of Pharmacy's Department of Social and Administrative Sciences. He also co-founded the College's Center for Medication Use, Policy and Economics. Dr. Kirking's primary professional interest is in assessing and improving the quality and cost-effectiveness of medication use.

Dr. Kirking has served on the USP Board of Trustees since March 2005. During this time, he—with the entire Board—provided key direction to USP during a transformative period in which the organization expanded both geographically (with new offices in Switzerland, India, China and Brazil, reflecting the global nature of today's pharmaceutical and food markets) and into new areas of standards setting (including biologic medicines and food ingredients). He has been actively involved with USP since 1990, having served as a member of the USP Convention representing the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy for the 1995, 2000 and 2005 Convention meetings. He also has served on various USP scientific Expert Committees including the Medicare Model Guidelines and Therapeutic Decision Making Committees. Dr. Kirking was a scholar in residence at USP in 1993–1994.

“I am honored to be elected to this important position by my Board colleagues and I look forward to working with them and USP's management and distinguished volunteers as we guide the organization's many activities that work to protect public health through quality medicines and foods,” said Dr. Kirking. “I'd also like to thank my predecessor, Dr. Mauger, for his tremendous service and look forward to upholding the high standard he set.”

“As a leader in the field of medicines quality and use, Dr. Kirking's guidance will be crucial as USP continues its nearly 200-year old efforts in setting quality standards,” said Roger L. Williams, M.D., USP executive vice president and CEO. “The importance and relevance of such standards is increasingly critical in today's global marketplace, where patients and consumers may have access to medicines and foods of undocumented safety and effectiveness, and uncertain or even fraudulent quality.

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Raising the quality of these products will be our continued charge under Dr. Kirking as we move forward.”

Dr. Kirking has been selected to serve on committees for numerous state and national agencies, including the Department of Health & Human Services’ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; the Health Care Financing Administration (now CMS); the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michigan Medicaid. He was previously a Board member for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and has served on committees for APhA, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Kirking received his bachelor’s of science degree in pharmacy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; a Pharm.D. from the University of Kentucky, where he also completed a clinical pharmacy residency; and a master’s degree in public administration and a Ph.D. in administrative and social sciences in pharmacy from The Ohio State University.

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