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**MEDICAL SPECIALTIES DISTRIBUTORS, LLC (MSD) ANNOUNCES  
PROMOTION OF JAMES M. BECK TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**Stoughton, MA April 1, 2007** – Medical Specialties Distributors, LLC (MSD) is pleased to announce the promotion of James M. Beck to Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Beck, who has over 30 years of healthcare service and distribution general management experience, joined MSD in January of this year as President and Chief Operating Officer.

Jorge Rico, a member of MSD's Board of Directors stated "I anticipate unwavering growth under Mr. Beck's guidance and leadership. MSD will continue to maintain its position as a leader in this market space and we expect great developments for MSD in the coming months and years."

Prior to joining MSD, Mr. Beck has held various general management positions with American Hospital Supply/Baxter Healthcare, AMSCO International, Spectrum Healthcare, and SHPS Health Management Solutions. At American Hospital Supply/Baxter Healthcare, Mr. Beck was EVP Eastern Zone - Distribution Division, a \$1B medical surgical distribution business; at AMSCO, President and COO of AMSCO Sterile Recoveries; and at Spectrum, EVP/COO of Spectrum Healthcare's Emergency Medicine business. Most recently, he was SVP SHPS Health Management Solutions, a market leader providing a single comprehensive source of health management decision guidance. Mr. Beck received his B.S. in Finance from Valparaiso University and his MBA in Operations Research from Loyola University of Chicago.

**ABOUT MEDICAL SPECIALTIES DISTRIBUTORS, LLC (MSD):** In December 2005, MSD acquired the assets of Medical Specialties Distributors, Inc., a company that had previously serviced the alternate-site market place since 1984. MSD continues to be a primary distributor of med surg product and biomedical equipment into the alternate-site marketplace. Recently, MSD launched a major initiative into the acute care market to support the equipment needs of hospitals nationwide. MSD's additional services include formulary development, online ordering, equipment management and tracking, and patient direct delivery programs. MSD is an authorized distributor for most of the healthcare industry's leading group purchasing organizations and is also ISO 9001:2000 & ISO 13485:2003 Certified.

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