

**HIGPA Announces New Co-Chairs for the
2009 International Expo Steering Committee**

Washington, DC (January 12, 2009) --- Curtis Rooney, President of HIGPA, announced today the new Co-Chairs of the 2009 HIGPA International Expo Steering Committee: Jack Querio, Group Director National and Government Accounts, Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems, Inc. and Dee Ann Cross, Operations Director, Novation, LLC.

“Both Jack and Dee Ann have served as dedicated and valuable members of past HIGPA Expo Steering Committees. It is a privilege to have them lead our Committee in 2009; their volunteerism is greatly appreciated. We know they will bring their extensive experience and creativity to develop an event that contains superior networking opportunities, engaging speakers, and a complete educational experience,” said Mr. Rooney.

Their predecessors, John Eppard, Institutional National Accounts Manager, sanofi-aventis and Anna Fox, Vice President, Contract Operations & Data Management, Consorta, Inc. completed their term of service upon conclusion of the HIGPA International Expo event held in October 2008.

The 2009 HIGPA International Expo, co-hosted by the Healthcare Industry Supply Chain Institute (HISCI), will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C. on October 21-23, 2009. The Expo brings together thought-leaders and decision-makers throughout the healthcare supply chain and its related industries to network, take advantage of educational opportunities, attend the reverse trade show, and conduct business.

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About HIGPA

The Health Industry Group Purchasing Association (HIGPA) is a broad-based trade association that represents 17 group purchasing organizations, including for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, purchasing groups, associations, multi-hospital systems and healthcare provider alliances. HIGPA’s mission is to advocate on behalf of health care group purchasing associations, to provide educational opportunities designed to improve efficiencies in the purchase, sale and utilization of all goods and services within the health industry and to promote meaningful dialogue between GPOs. For more information, visit www.higpa.org.