

# NEWS RELEASE



For Immediate Release

Contact: Amy Hartweger  
Medicine Shoppe International, Inc.  
(314) 872-5405  
[amy.hartweger@cardinal.com](mailto:amy.hartweger@cardinal.com)

Carrie Trammell  
Weber Shandwick  
(314) 552-6752  
[ctrammell@webershandwick.com](mailto:ctrammell@webershandwick.com)

## MEDICINE SHOPPE INTERNATIONAL, INC. NAMES BILL RAMPY SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, FRANCHISE OPERATIONS

**ST. LOUIS, March 13, 2006** – Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. (MSI), a Cardinal Health company (NYSE:CAH) and the leading national franchisor of independent retail pharmacies, recently named Bill Rampy senior vice president of franchise operations for MSI. Rampy, also a pharmacist, will be responsible for MSI's Field Services, Pharmacy Systems, Franchise Services and Managed Health Care Departments, which assist franchisees for both of MSI's franchise pharmacy systems – Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacies and Medicap Pharmacy® Stores.

Prior to coming to MSI, Rampy was director of pharmacy services for Wal-Mart®, where he was a key leader in the planning, prioritization and implementation of pharmacy system enhancements. During his tenure at Wal-Mart, Rampy also was a divisional manager of Wal-Mart's optical division with responsibilities that included vision center operations and warehousing. Previously, Rampy was president and owner of a retail drugstore franchise, Westwood Super D, in Memphis, Tenn.

"Bill brings great experiences and perspectives to MSI through his work in pharmacy operations and as a former pharmacist and pharmacy owner," said Terry Burnside, president of MSI. "I am confident in his ability to strengthen and grow our technology solutions and franchise services for franchisees."

Rampy graduated with a pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi. He is working out of MSI headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. and will be a member of MSI's leadership team.

### **About Medicine Shoppe International, Inc.**

Medicine Shoppe International, Inc. ([www.medicineshoppe.com](http://www.medicineshoppe.com)), a Cardinal Health Company, is the largest franchisor of independent community pharmacies in the U.S. In 2003, Medicine Shoppe International acquired Medicap Pharmacies Incorporated ([www.medicap.com](http://www.medicap.com)), which franchises independent community pharmacies in the U.S. under the trade name Medicap Pharmacy®. Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacies and Medicap Pharmacy® locations are distinguished for their commitment to providing expert, personalized health care. There are nearly 1,000 domestic Medicine Shoppe® Pharmacies and Medicap Pharmacy® locations and more than 300 pharmacies in six other countries.

### **About Cardinal Health**

Cardinal Health, Inc. ([www.cardinal.com](http://www.cardinal.com)) is the leading provider of products and services supporting the health care industry. Cardinal Health develops, manufactures, packages and markets products for patient care; develops drug-delivery technologies; distributes pharmaceuticals and medical, surgical and laboratory supplies; and offers consulting and other services that improve quality and efficiency in health care. Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, Cardinal Health employs more than 55,000 people on six continents and produces annual revenues of more than \$75 billion. Cardinal Health is ranked No.16 on the current Fortune 500.

*Except for historical information, all other information in this news release consists of forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, anticipated or implied. The most significant of these uncertainties are described in Cardinal Health's Form 10-K, Form 8-K and Form 10-Q reports (including all amendments to those reports) and exhibits to those reports, and include (but are not limited to) the costs, difficulties, and uncertainties related to the integration of acquired businesses, the loss of one or more key customer or supplier relationships or changes to the terms of those relationships, changes in the distribution patterns or reimbursement rates for health-care products and/or services, the results, consequences, effects or timing of any inquiry or investigation by any regulatory authority or any legal and administrative proceedings, the effects, timing or success of restructuring programs or plans, the impact of previously announced restatements, and general economic and market conditions. Cardinal Health undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement.*

###