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**NAMS SELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

CLEVELAND, Ohio (February 9, 2009)—JoAnn V. Pinkerton, MD, President of The North American Menopause Society (NAMS), is pleased to announce that Margery L.S. Gass, MD, has been selected to serve as the Society's new Executive Director as of January 1, 2010, upon the retirement from NAMS of Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD, DSc(Med), NAMS founding President and Executive Director.

A recognized leader in the field of menopause and the 2002-2003 President of NAMS, Dr. Gass is currently Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has been on the faculty of the University since 1984. Dr. Gass is also Director of the University Hospital Menopause and Osteoporosis Center in Cincinnati, a position she has held since 1990. She will be resigning from these positions and moving to Cleveland to assume the NAMS administrative leadership role.

"I am thoroughly delighted that someone of Dr. Gass's academic stature and personal attributes will follow in my footsteps to continue the important work of NAMS for future generations of women," said Dr. Utian.

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“Through my clinical practice, research endeavors, and academic life, I have worked toward improving women’s health and quality of life,” commented Dr. Gass. “In my new position with the leading nonprofit scientific organization in the field of menopause, I can renew my dedication to these goals and hopefully have a positive effect on even more women.”

The Mission of NAMS, a nonprofit scientific organization, is to promote the health and quality of life of women through an understanding of menopause. The Society’s membership of 2,000 professionals representing a variety of disciplines—including clinical and basic science experts from medicine, nursing, pharmacy, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and complementary/alternative medicine—makes NAMS uniquely qualified to serve as the definitive resource for health professionals and the public for accurate, unbiased information about menopause. ([www.menopause.org](http://www.menopause.org))

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