

**CONTACT:****Media:** Charlene McGrady(610) 239-7900, ext. 231 charlene.mcgrady@mdsinc.com**MDS Pharma Services Appoints Dr. Jessica Liu to Lead Clinical Operations in Asia**

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA, January 15, 2009 – MDS Pharma Services, a leading provider of innovative drug discovery and development solutions, has appointed Jessica Liu, M.D., to the position of Clinical Operations Director and Head of the Asia-Pacific region for its late-stage clinical trial management division. The appointment supports the MDS business unit's well-established and growing presence there and strengthens its ability to serve clients in an increasingly important emerging geography.

"Dr. Liu brings many years of extensive and relevant global experience in medicine, clinical research and the pharmaceutical industry to this important position," said MDS Pharma Services President David Spaight. "Her appointment reflects our commitment to provide the highest levels of quality and service to our clients in a region that has emerged as a key arena for global clinical research. Her clinical research experience encompasses a number of therapeutic areas in which MDS Pharma Services specializes, including oncology, diabetes and infectious diseases."

Prior to joining MDS Pharma Services, Dr. Liu was with Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) for ten years, most recently in Brussels where she managed international BMS projects. She began her career as a resident physician in the Endocrinology Department of the Peking Union Medical College Hospital in Beijing followed by 15 years in clinical research, including leadership roles in clinical operations, project management and medical affairs. Dr. Liu holds a Medical Doctorate degree from China's prestigious University of Beijing and a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine from the University of Basel in Switzerland.

The MDS Pharma Services presence in Asia Pacific includes a multi-service office in [Tokyo](#); recently expanded global central lab facilities in [Singapore](#) and [Beijing](#); discovery and [preclinical operations in Taiwan](#); and late stage clinical trial monitoring services in China, Hong

Kong, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and the Philippines, bolstered by strategic partnerships that offer service coverage in Australia, India, Vietnam and elsewhere. Clinical trial monitoring services in China are centered in Shanghai and Beijing, where Dr. Liu is based.

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