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**STEVE R. SMITH, MS CAE, JOINS ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT CENTER AS
ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE**

Glenview, IL – Association Management Center (AMC) announced today that Steve R. Smith, MS CAE, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM). The Academy is the professional organization for physicians and other medical professionals who are dedicated to excellence in and advancement of palliative medicine through prevention and relief of patient and family suffering. Smith assumed the position August 15, 2007.

Smith comes to AMC and the Academy with considerable experience in the management of healthcare associations. Most recently he served as Senior Director of Business Development, Marketing and Membership Services for the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Prior to that, he worked for eight years at the national office of the Alzheimer's Association in Chicago.

“As hospice and palliative medicine was formally recognized as a subspecialty of medicine last year, we are at a critical juncture in our history,” states AAHPM President J. Cameron Muir, MD. “With Steve’s experience in managing medical societies, we are confident that the Academy will continue to move forward with transformative growth to meet the urgent need for expanded medical expertise in hospice and palliative medicine.” Since 1988, AAHPM has been the leading source of information, knowledge sharing, and professional development for physicians in hospice and palliative medicine.

Jeff Engle, AMC Principal, comments, “This is an exciting and important time for the Academy. With Steve’s experience and leadership, the board’s strategic focus and the dedication of the Academy staff, AAHPM will successfully advance its mission and goals through the ever-changing and expanding healthcare environment.”

Association Management Center has been the respected leader in association management for over 30 years. AMC (www.connect2amc.com) is a trusted partner to 24 leading national and international organizations and has a staff of more than 170 association professionals. AMC provides strategic guidance to boards and volunteers and oversees day-to-day operations, making it possible for its association partners to achieve their goals.

AAHPM is managed by Association Management Center. AAHPM’s membership includes over 3,000 physicians and other medical professionals dedicated to palliative medicine and the prevention and relief of patient and family suffering. Since 1988, AAHPM has advanced clinical practice standards, fostered research, provided education, and advocated for clinicians and patients through public policy efforts. For more information, contact AAHPM at 847/375-4712 or visit www.aahpm.org.

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