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**AGA Medical Corporation Appoints Chief Operating Officer and
General Counsel**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Sept. 23, 2005 — AGA Medical Corporation today announced the appointment of John Barr as AGA’s Chief Operating Officer (COO), and Peter Rother as AGA’s General Counsel, effective immediately. In their new roles, Barr and Rother will report directly to President and CEO Franck Gougeon. Barr will oversee all aspects of AGA’s operations, while Rother will direct AGA’s legal affairs.

Barr brings more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry to AGA. Most recently, Barr served as President and CEO of V.I. Technologies (“Vitex”) in Boston prior to the 2005 merger with Panacos Pharmaceuticals, where he helped to raise more than \$165 million, including successfully completing an IPO. Most recently he played a key role in negotiating and closing the merger between Vitex and Panacos Pharmaceuticals. Prior to V. I. Technologies, Barr served in several leadership roles, including President of North American Operations for Haemonetics, a leading medical device manufacturer. He also worked for Baxter Healthcare in both financial and operational roles.

Barr received his Master’s degree in management from J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Evanston, Ill., and his Bachelor’s degree in bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania.

Rother comes to AGA from Parsinen Kaplan Rosberg & Gotlieb P.A. in Minneapolis where he was a senior associate practicing a wide range of business, commercial and employment law. Rother has represented a variety of corporate and professional clients in sophisticated litigation in both state and federal courts. Most recently, he represented AGA’s CEO

and successfully guided AGA through the recent transaction with its equity partner, Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe. Previously, Rother served as a law clerk for the Hon. Spencer Sokolowski in Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District.

Rother received his Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law and his Bachelor's degree from Winona State University. He is currently licensed to practice by the Minnesota Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, and the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

"I am very pleased to welcome John and Peter to AGA's leadership team," said Franck Gougeon, President, AGA Medical. "Their extensive experience will be an asset to AGA as we continue to grow our business."

AGA Medical Corporation, a Minneapolis-based company, is the world's leading manufacturer of transcatheter occlusion devices for the minimally invasive treatment of heart and vascular defects. For more information, visit www.amplatzer.com.

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