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SCHEDULE 14A

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Northfield Laboratories, Inc.

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CONFIDENTIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

Your identification number is confidential. It is to assure the operator of your identity.

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

September 5, 2002

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

TIME IS SHORT!

The Annual Meeting of shareholders of Northfield Laboratories Inc. is fast approaching. Northfield's Board of Directors urges you to act today to protect your investment by voting FOR your Board's nominees.

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY SERVICE  
RECOMMENDS VOTING "FOR" NORTHFIELD'S NOMINEES

Institutional Shareholder Services, the nation's leading independent voting advisory service, recommends that its clients vote FOR the Northfield nominees on the BLUE proxy card, and discard the proxy distributed by C. Robert Coates. ISS, whose voting recommendations are relied upon by hundreds of major institutional investment firms, mutual funds and fiduciaries throughout the United States, stated, "The company is at a critical stage in its development. Management's primary goal is to resolve the FDA status for PolyHeme(tm). As such, it is vital for the board to be equipped with highly qualified directors who have the appropriate expertise. In comparison to Mr. Coates's slate, it

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appears that management's new nominees provide more relevant expertise to the board. Furthermore, there is no compelling evidence to suggest that the board needs to be overseen by a dissident slate of independent directors."

### VOTE "FOR" SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS

Your Board is convinced that Northfield's nominees have far more relevant experience in publicly traded companies, raising capital, medical research and the FDA approval process than Mr. Coates or his other board nominee. We believe Mr. Coates's misleading rhetoric has served only as a distraction from your Board's singular focus: to maximize Northfield's value by successfully guiding PolyHeme through the FDA approval process.

### ACT TODAY TO PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT!

Your vote is extremely important. Since time is short, we have established a method which will enable you to vote by toll-free Proxygram. Simply follow the easy steps listed below.

If you have any questions or need assistance in the last-minute voting of your shares, please call Innisfree M&A Incorporated, who is assisting us in the solicitation of proxies, toll-free at 888-750-5834.

Very truly yours,

Steven A. Gould, M.D.  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

TOLL-FREE PROXYGRAM OPERATORS WHO ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE COMPANY ARE AVAILABLE  
TO ASSIST YOU NOW!!!

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Call Toll-Free 1-877-880-9547, anytime, day or night.
2. Tell the operator that you wish to send a collect ProxyGram to ID No. 8821, Northfield Laboratories Inc.
3. State your name, address and telephone number.
4. State your Confidential Identification Number and Number of Shares as shown below:

Confidential Identification Number:

Number of Shares:

5. Give the operator your voting preferences, using the proxy text below.

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS - SEPTEMBER 13, 2002  
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned stockholder of Northfield Laboratories Inc. hereby appoints Jack J. Kogut and Carmen Wilcox, and each of them, attorneys and proxies with full power of substitution, to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Northfield Laboratories Inc. to be held on Friday, September 13, 2002, at 10:00 A.M., local time, at 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201-4800, and at



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Name:  
Broker:  
Control Number:  
Number of Shares:

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THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS MADE HEREON. IF NO SPECIFICATION IS MADE WITH RESPECT TO A PROPOSAL, THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH SUCH PROPOSAL AND UPON SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING, AS THE ABOVE PERSONS MAY DEEM ADVISABLE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR"  
EACH OF THE LISTED PROPOSALS.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS - NOMINEES: Steven A. Gould, M.D., Gerald S. Moss, M.D., Bruce S. Chelberg, Jack Olshansky, David A. Savner, John F. Bierbaum, Paul M. Ness, M.D.

FOR ALL         WITHHOLD ALL         FOR ALL, EXCEPT  
NOMINEES LISTED BELOW \*

\* INSTRUCTIONS: (TO WITHHOLD AUTHORITY TO VOTE FOR ANY  
INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE, GIVE THAT INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE'S NAME TO  
THE OPERATOR)

2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent auditors of the Company to serve for the Company's 2003 fiscal year.

FOR             AGAINST             ABSTAIN

3. In their discretion, to act on any other matters which may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

NOTE: Please give your name to the operator exactly as your name(s) appear hereon. When signing as attorney, administrator, trustee, guardian or any other representative capacity, please so indicate.