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Veracyte Announces Data to be Presented at PFF Summit 2015 Highlighting IPF Diagnostic Challenges and Potential of New Genomic-Based Testing Approaches

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Nov. 4, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Veracyte, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VCYT) announced that company and external researchers will present four abstracts at the *PFF Summit 2015: From Bench to Bedside* that reveal current diagnostic challenges associated with interstitial lung disease (ILD), as well as the potential for improvement using new genomic-based testing approaches. The biennial international *Summit* is being held November 12-14 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC.

Each year in the United States and Europe, up to 200,000 patients are suspected of having an ILD, including idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), which is among the most common and most deadly, and is notoriously difficult to diagnose.

"The recent availability of therapies that slow progression of IPF makes improved, timely diagnosis of this disease even more imperative," said Bonnie Anderson, president and chief executive officer of Veracyte. "We are proud that the new research findings that we and others are sharing at this year's *Summit* help to elucidate the specific challenges associated with ILD and IPF diagnosis, as well as promising, potential solutions."

All four abstracts are part of a poster session taking place Thursday, November 12 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. EST in the Penn Avenue Terrace of the JW Marriott Hotel. During this session, researchers will share updated findings from a study evaluating the ability of a Veracyte molecular classifier to help distinguish IPF from other ILDs among patient samples obtained through bronchoscopy. This ability may potentially enable improved IPF diagnosis without the need for invasive surgery.

Abstract Title: Diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: Classifying the usual interstitial pneumonia pattern in transbronchial biopsies using machine learning
Presenter: Jing Huang, Ph.D., Veracyte

Three additional presentations will quantify the significant challenges that physicians and patients face in confirming an ILD diagnosis. These presentations include results from a national physician survey exploring the potential clinical utility of Veracyte's in-development molecular classifier to reduce the need for invasive diagnostic procedures, as well as assessing the degree to which non-specialist pulmonologists differ from ILD specialists in their use of invasive diagnostic procedures. Additionally, data from a national survey exploring the diagnostic experiences of 600 ILD and IPF patients will be presented. The latter survey was commissioned by the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) with sponsorship from Veracyte.

Abstract Title: The clinical utility of a molecular diagnostic in differentiating idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis from other interstitial lung diseases
Presenter: Xiaoping Wu, M.D., Weill Cornell Medical College

Abstract Title: Current diagnostic approaches in ILD: ILD versus non-specialty clinics
Presenter: Elizabeth Belloli, M.D., University of Michigan

Abstract Title: Interstitial lung disease patient diagnostic journey (INTENSITY) survey
Presenters: David J. Lederer, M.D., Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation

All abstracts and results are embargoed until 5:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, November 12.

About Veracyte

Veracyte (NASDAQ: VCYT) is pioneering the field of molecular cytology, offering genomic solutions that resolve diagnostic ambiguity and enable physicians to make more informed treatment decisions at an early stage in patient care. By improving preoperative diagnostic accuracy, the company aims to help patients avoid unnecessary invasive procedures while reducing healthcare costs. Veracyte's Afirma® Thyroid FNA Analysis centers on the proprietary Afirma Gene Expression Classifier (GEC) and is becoming a new standard of care in thyroid nodule assessment. The Afirma test is recommended in leading practice guidelines and is covered for approximately 150 million lives in the United States, including through Medicare and many commercial insurance plans. Veracyte is expanding its molecular cytology franchise to other clinical areas, beginning with difficult-to-diagnose lung diseases. In April 2015, the company launched the Percepta™ Bronchial Genomic Classifier, a test to evaluate patients with lung nodules that are suspicious for cancer. Veracyte is developing a second product in pulmonology, targeting interstitial lung diseases, including idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. For more information, please visit www.veracyte.com.

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