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## **Veracyte, Inc. Appoints Dr. Neil M. Barth as Chief Medical Officer**

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 17, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Veracyte, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VCYT), a molecular diagnostics company pioneering the field of molecular cytology, today announced the appointment of Neil M. Barth, M.D., F.A.C.P., as chief medical officer, effective immediately.

"We are delighted to welcome a medical leader of Dr. Barth's caliber to our executive team," said Bonnie H. Anderson, Veracyte's president and chief executive officer. "Our Afirma® solution is already becoming a new standard of care in thyroid cancer diagnosis and we have recently launched our Percepta™ Bronchial Genomic Classifier into pulmonology, our second clinical area. Dr. Barth's exceptional clinical leadership and experience will be invaluable as we continue our momentum with genomic tests that help reduce unnecessary surgeries in disease diagnosis and lower healthcare costs."

Dr. Barth has more than 30 years of experience providing and directing patient care for healthcare-provider organizations and diagnostics companies. Most recently, he served as chief medical officer for Agendia NV, a molecular diagnostics company focused on oncology, where he guided the company's medical strategic direction, quality initiatives, and interface with regulators and payers. Prior to that, Dr. Barth served as chief medical officer for Ambry Genetics, a clinical genetics diagnostics company.

Dr. Barth's patient-care experience includes 30 years as president and medical director for Newport Pacific Medical Associates, a large hematology-oncology medical practice he founded in 1982. Concurrently, he served in various roles, including executive medical director and chief of staff, at Orange County, Calif.-based Hoag Memorial Presbyterian Hospital and Hoag Family Cancer Institute.

### **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](http://www.veracyte.com).

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "expect," "believe," "should," "may," "will" and similar references to future periods. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements we make regarding our beliefs regarding the drivers of adoption of Afirma, our expectations with respect to the success of our entry into the pulmonology market, our expectations regarding full-year 2015 guidance and forecast for annual GEC test volume, and the value and potential of our technology and research and development pipeline. Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially, and reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: our limited operating history and history of losses; our ability to increase usage of and reimbursement for Afirma and to obtain reimbursement for any future products we may develop or sell; our ability to continue our momentum and growth; our dependence on a few payers for a significant portion of our revenue; the complexity, time and expense associated with billing and collecting from payers for our tests; laws and regulations applicable to our business, including potential regulation by the Food and Drug Administration or other regulatory bodies; our dependence on strategic relationships and our ability to successfully convert new accounts resulting from such relationships; our ability to develop and commercialize new products and the timing of commercialization; our ability to successfully achieve adoption of

and reimbursement for our Percepta Bronchial Genomic Classifier; our ability to achieve sales penetration in complex commercial accounts; the occurrence and outcome of clinical studies; the timing and publication of study results; the applicability of clinical results to actual outcomes; our inclusion in clinical practice guidelines; the continued application of clinical guidelines to our products; our ability to compete; our ability to expand into international markets and achieve adoption of our tests in such markets; our ability to obtain capital when needed; and other risks set forth in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the risks set forth in the company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof and Veracyte specifically disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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