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SCIENCE CARE RECEIVES NATIONAL DISTINCTION

Local company claims first and second spot on national accreditation list

PHOENIX – A local company recently received a first-of-its-kind honor – for the second time. The American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) awarded accreditation to Science Care, a Phoenix-based medical research tissue bank, for its Aurora, Colorado location. Science Care’s headquarters in Phoenix was accredited by the AATB in 2003.

“Science Care is now the first and second tissue bank of our type to be accredited by the AATB,” said Jim Rogers, president of Science Care. “This is a huge accomplishment and we are especially proud to have accreditation at both of our facilities.”

The accreditation ensures that tissue-banking activities are maintained at the highest level of quality. Science Care received accreditation for their operations in retrieval, processing, storage, and distribution of tissues for medical research and education.

“Science Care was awarded accreditation after a thorough application and on-site inspection process,” says Robert Rigney, CEO of AATB. “We congratulate Science Care on their high quality and standards.”

The AATB is a scientific, not-for-profit, peer group organization founded in 1976 to facilitate the provision of transplantable cells and tissues. In its efforts to maintain tissue banking at the highest level of quality, AATB maintains a close association with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, engaging in an on-going program of information exchange. To this end, FDA has provided informal monitoring of various AATB programs.

Science Care Anatomical is a dedicated research and educational tissue bank established to serve as the connection between willed body donors and medical researchers and educators. This Phoenix-based company accepts willed body donations from across the country and distributes donated tissues to medical research institutions nationwide. Tissues are used by the research and educational institutions to help develop new drug therapies, to accelerate the discovery of cures for diseases such as diabetes and Alzheimer’s, to aid in the development of novel medical devices, and to facilitate continued surgical education. For more information regarding Science Care, please visit www.sciencecare.com.

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