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AATB RELEASES FIRST NON-TRANSPLANT STANDARDS

(February 13, 2012) — Science Care applauds the release of the first-ever Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation Standards by the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB). These standards guide organizations like Science Care’s whole body donation program, and help to move the tissue banking industry in a positive direction.

Science Care is the first whole body donation program to be accredited by the AATB, and sits on the AATB’s Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation Work Group. The AATB thanked Science Care’s President and CEO for his part in drafting the standards along with many others including representatives from the American Association of Clinical Anatomists and the New York State Department of Health.

The standards cover, among other topics: organizational requirements, donor consent and authorization, preparation and release of Non-Transplantable Anatomical Material (human tissue), and final disposition.

“Non-transplant tissue banking standards make the rules in our industry crystal clear,” says James Rogers, President and CEO. “The next step is to raise the water level for all tissue banks so that AATB accreditation is no longer just a stamp of excellence, but a requirement to be taken seriously as a whole body donation program.”

Currently, accreditation by the AATB is voluntary and only Science Care and two other whole body donation organizations in the U.S. are actually accredited. Members of the public can use the AATB’s member search to view which organizations are accredited by visiting http://www.aatb.org/Accredited-Bank-Search and choosing “Non-Transplantable Anatomical Donation” in the Accredited for Tissue menu.

For more information on the AATB Standards, please visit www.aatb.org.

About Science Care
Science Care (www.sciencecare.com) sets the standard of excellence for the donation and responsible use of human tissue for medical research, training, and professional education. Science Care’s program contributes to new breakthroughs and developments in medicine, including advanced physician training, development of new medical devices and safer, more effective treatments for patients. Each development provides hope for a healthier future and enhances the generous bequests of our donors.

Science Care is accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) in Arizona and Colorado, licensed by the state of New York Department of Health, and is an approved provider for the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. For more information about Science Care contact 800.417.3747 or info@sciencecare.com.