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**PROVISTA LIFE SCIENCES AND ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
REFERENCE LABORATORY TEAM UP ON THE BT TEST**

Hospital Laboratory to Provide Phlebotomy Services for Blood Test for Breast Cancer

PHOENIX – (July 7, 2008) – Provista Life Sciences LLC and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (SJHMC) Reference Laboratory announced today a collaborative effort that will allow doctors and patients seeking to obtain Provista Life Science's BT Test™ access to SJHMC Reference Laboratory patient service centers located throughout the Phoenix Metro area.

The BT Test is a blood test specifically designed to assist healthcare providers in making an earlier, and more accurate, diagnosis of breast cancer when used in concert with existing methods for detecting and diagnosing this devastating disease.

"There are two critical elements to the wide-spread adoption of the BT Test – providing greater access to the test to women and their healthcare providers, and working with insurance companies to cover the cost of the test," said William J. Gartner, CEO and President of Provista Life Sciences. "Given that the BT Test is now covered by most insurance providers, we are focused on increasing access to the test. Having St. Joseph's patient service centers available for blood draws takes us one step closer to this goal."

All BT Tests are analyzed at Provista Diagnostics, the laboratory service arm of Provista Life Sciences. Patients wanting the BT Test can obtain a test order form from any participating physician, by going online at www.ProvistaLS.com or by calling Provista directly to obtain a form they can take to their doctor. Once completed, the BT Test order form can be taken to any approved St. Joseph's patient service centers for a blood draw. A list of approved patient service centers can be obtained by calling either Provista Life Sciences or SJHMC Reference Laboratory directly.

"We are extremely pleased to assist Provista Life Sciences in their efforts to make the BT Test more accessible to the women of Arizona," stated Kyle Barger, Regional Program Director for St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center Reference Laboratory. "We understand the importance of making it convenient for the patient when it comes to having blood drawn for testing purposes, and are delighted we can play a role in helping Provista make that possible."

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

The Clinical Laboratory Department at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is a full service provider for the physicians, patients, and staff of the hospital as well as the Phoenix Metro area and surrounding communities. State of the art technology and a highly qualified staff make it possible to perform comprehensive diagnostic and clinical testing and analysis. The Clinical Laboratory staff includes nearly 160 professionals working within all areas of clinical laboratory science and anatomic pathology. They are dedicated to quality control and ensuring accurate, reliable and timely test results. SJHMC Clinical Laboratory is accredited by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments) and is accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). For more information, please call the St. Joseph's Reference Laboratory at (602) 406-3993.

Provista Life Sciences' Background

Provista Life Sciences was established in 2006 as a biotechnology development and commercialization organization that provides the scientific and operating management resources to rapidly advance the development and introduction of novel diagnostics technologies into the domestic and global marketplace. For more information, visit the company's web site at www.provistals.com or call 602-224-5500.