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**JAMES T. WILLERSON, M.D., 2010 RECIPIENT OF THE
PTV SCIENCES STAR OF TEXAS HEALTHCARE AWARD**

Austin and Houston, Texas – October 19, 2010 – PTV Sciences (“PTV”), a healthcare venture capital and growth equity firm, announced that James T. Willerson, M.D. will be on hand to accept the 2010 PTV Sciences Star of Texas Healthcare Award at the Annual PTV Sciences Limited Partner Meeting on November 4, 2010 in Austin, Texas.

James T. Willerson is the President and Medical Director, Director of Cardiology Research, and Co-Director of the Cullen Cardiovascular Research Laboratories at the Texas Heart Institute (THI) and is immediate past President of The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston (UTHSCH). Dr. Willerson holds the Edward Randall III Professor of Internal Medicine at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, the Dunn Chair in Cardiology Research at THI, the Willerson/O’Quinn Chair at THI, the “James T. Willerson, MD Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Diseases” at The University of Texas Southwest Medical School in Dallas, and has a swimming scholarship named for him at The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Willerson is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate, a four-year swimming letterman, and a member of the Texas Cowboys of UT Austin, an AOA graduate of the Baylor College of Medicine, and he received his post graduate training at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Boston. Dr. Willerson is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science. As the longest-serving Editor-in-Chief of *Circulation*, journal of the AHA, his tenure lasted 11 years. In addition to having served on numerous editorial boards for professional publications, he has edited or co-edited 24 textbooks, including his signature textbook, the Third Edition of *Cardiovascular Medicine*, released in February of 2007, and he has published over 920 scientific articles.

Dr. Willerson’s research concentrates on the detection and treatment of unstable atherosclerotic plaques, and the discovery of the genes and abnormal proteins responsible for cardiovascular disease. In addition, Dr. Willerson and colleagues, Dr. Emerson Perin and Ed T.H. Yeh, have been directly involved in seminal research in the use of stem cells for the repair of hearts and cardiovascular vessels injured by heart attacks, and they are responsible for major discoveries, landmark publications, and for Texas Heart Institute’s being awarded the first FDA-approved clinical trial in the use of adult, human stem cells.

According to Matthew Crawford, Managing Director of PTV, “Dr. Willerson’s work is deeply impactful and offers real hope in the fight against heart disease. He is a respected teacher, a pioneering thought leader and a guiding force in critical research. We are truly honored to have Dr. Willerson accept this award.”

Since its inception in 2008, the PTV Sciences Star of Texas Healthcare Award has been presented to honorees based upon their life time achievement and continued support of healthcare innovations. Previous recipients include Julio C. Palmaz, M.D., inventor of the first commercially successful coronary stent and Mark McClellan, M.D., Ph.D., former Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Administrator for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

About PTV Sciences

PTV Sciences (www.ptvsciences.com), founded in 2003, is a healthcare venture capital and growth equity firm focused on building industry leading companies and investing in extraordinary people. PTV Sciences has a team of investment professionals and 16 venture partners representing the leading clinicians, scientists, academic institutions, and entrepreneurs. PTV Sciences has offices in Austin and Houston, TX.