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Insmed Announces Appointment of Dr. Kenneth Attie; Former Genentech Researcher Assumes Role as Medical Director

RICHMOND, Va., Sep 24, 2004 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Insmed Incorporated (Nasdaq:INSM) today announced the appointment of Kenneth Attie, M.D. as Medical Director. Dr. Attie, a highly regarded authority in the field of pediatric endocrinology and growth disorders, will lead Insmed's clinical team as the company continues to prepare upcoming regulatory filings and plans future clinical trials for its Phase III drug candidate, SomatoKine(R).

"We are delighted to add Ken to the Insmed team during this critical time as we prepare our NDA filing and advance additional indications through clinical trials. He has been intimately involved with the successful filing of multiple NDAs, and subsequent presentations and negotiations with the FDA. We will certainly rely on this extensive regulatory and clinical experience to assist us as we move forward," said Geoffrey Allan, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Insmed. "Ken is also a primary author of several key publications regarding the therapeutic use of growth hormone, and played a key role in the development of Genentech's endocrine clinical program. We are very pleased that he has chosen to bring his expertise to Insmed to help us bring our IGF-I replacement therapy, SomatoKine(R), to market."

For over 10 years, Dr. Attie was a senior clinical scientist at Genentech (NYSE: DNA) where he played a crucial role in the development and commercial expansion of growth hormone. He was directly involved in the efforts that led to approval of growth hormone use in children with Turner syndrome and chronic renal insufficiency. Dr. Attie has authored nearly 40 publications related to growth disorders, growth hormone deficiency in adults, and growth hormone insensitivity. He has also worked extensively on alternative delivery formulations of growth hormone.

"After working on the clinical development and commercialization of growth hormone while at Genentech, I am excited to be joining the Insmed team and to help further the development of SomatoKine for the safe replacement of IGF-I," stated Dr. Attie. "I believe Insmed's approach to delivering IGF-I with IGFBP-3 as a therapy for various indications will be a valuable and preferred addition to endocrine and metabolic medicine, and I am looking forward to advancing SomatoKine(R) through clinical development and into multiple commercial markets."

More on SomatoKine(R) (rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3)

Insmed's rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3 is a proprietary delivery composition of insulin-like growth factor-I (IGF-I). The novel compound is administered as a subcutaneous injection, which can restore IGF levels to physiological relevant levels. rhIGF-I/rhIGFBP-3 is currently in a pivotal Phase III clinical trial for the treatment of Growth Hormone Insensitivity Syndrome (GHIS). On July 20, Insmed provided the results from a six-month data analysis of the ongoing pivotal Phase III GHIS clinical trial showing a statistically significant increase (p

About Insmed

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