

## CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services and Akron Clinical Announce Global Collaboration

**[Cincinnati, Ohio and Boca Raton, Florida; August 5, 2008]** CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services (CTI) and Akron Clinical are proud to announce that they have formed a strategic partnership in an ongoing effort to expand both companies' global reach and to better serve their clients in all aspects of drug development and clinical trial management.

CTI and Akron Clinical are both experienced in executing all facets of Phase I – IV clinical trials, while maintaining a rich history of providing superior customer service and meeting demanding timelines. This global alliance allows CTI and Akron Clinical to combine their service offerings and experience-base for the benefit of their clients. Akron Clinical's impending expansion of its current offices in Argentina into Brazil and Chile will augment the two firms' already strong coverage in North and Latin America.

"Latin American expansion is important to serving our clients in the best way possible", said Timothy J. Schroeder, President and CEO of CTI Clinical Trial and Consulting Services. "With the addition of Akron Clinical, we know we are partnering with a company with the experience and the attention to detail that CTI strives to maintain. We are pleased to be collaborating with a company as highly regarded as Akron Clinical."

CTI is a fully integrated drug and market development company with headquarters based in Cincinnati, Ohio. CTI offers a full range of services in the therapeutic areas of transplantation (solid organ, bone marrow, and stem cells), infectious disease, hepatitis, end-stage organ disease (heart, liver, lung, and kidney), hematology and immunology.

CTI has successfully worked with U.S. and global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies specializing in managing trials and programs tailored toward the critically and chronically ill patient populations. Along with their full range of CRO services, CTI also provides drug development consulting services and professional education and healthcare communication services.

"We are pleased to be partnering with such a well respected CRO in CTI", said Javier Zylberberg, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of Akron Clinical. "With our core values being in line with those of CTI, we feel that this alliance will allow both Akron Clinical and CTI to provide exceptional global services and provide the results which our clients need."

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Akron Clinical provides clinical development services to pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology firms and Clinical Research Organizations (CROs) interested in conducting clinical trials in Latin America. Akron Clinical is headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida with an operational office in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Akron Clinical was founded by professionals with more than thirty years of experience with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, clinical research and multinational research organizations.

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