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Richard Beswick Joins Texas Life Science Foundation Board

Austin, TX (March 2, 2010) – Richard Beswick, Ph. D, MBA, Director of Research for Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas, has joined the board of directors for the Texas Life Science Foundation (TLSF).

Prior to joining Scott & White, Dr. Beswick served as Medical Director for Nephrology and Oncology with Roche Pharmaceuticals. At Roche, Dr. Beswick was in charge of development of novel nephrology and oncology agents for clinical trials from Phase I –IV. Previously, Dr. Beswick worked for Johnson and Johnson/Orthobiotech as New Business Manager, Manager for Clinical Affairs and as Associate Medical Director. Dr. Beswick has developed numerous protocols for academia and the pharmaceutical industry.

“We are delighted that Richard has agreed to join our Board,” said TLSF Board Chairman, Jeffrey Wade. “He brings tremendous experience in cancer clinical trials and is a champion for expanding patient education and participation in trials.” Wade is Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Lexicon Pharmaceuticals and has served as the TLSF Board Chair since its inception.

Born in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Dr. Beswick earned a Bachelor's in Biology from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., Master's degree in Cardiovascular Physiology from Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, MI., a Master's in Business Administration from Rollins College in Florida and a Ph. D in Molecular Renal Physiology from The University of Michigan School of Medicine. Dr. Beswick trained with Janice Douglas and Jackson Wright at Case Western Reserve University in the area of Endocrinology and Receptor Kinetics with a focus on angiotensin receptor system in the kidneys of African American patients. Dr. Beswick also served as Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Medicine Division of Hypertension at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and The Cleveland Clinic.

About Texas Life Science Foundation (TLSF) www.tlsfoundation.org TLSF is an entrepreneurial nonprofit foundation working to increase access to clinical trials, expand and accelerate recruitment, especially among underserved and minority populations and to support patient communications and retention in trials. Through supporting cancer clinical trial enrollment via personalized patient matching and navigation to trials TLSF will deliver services to Texas cancer patients and their families. More information about TLSF is available at its website. www.TLSEFoundation.org.