OncoCyte Announces Sponsored Symposium at the 2016 American College of Chest Physician's CHEST 2016 Annual Meeting

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ALAMEDA, Calif., Oct. 24, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- OncoCyte Corporation (NYSE MKT:OCX), a developer of novel, non-invasive blood-based tests for the detection of cancer, today announced that it will be sponsoring a symposium at the American College of Chest Physician's 2016 CHEST Annual Meeting, being held in Los Angeles from October 22-26. The symposium is titled **Lung Cancer Diagnosis-Challenges and Solutions** and is scheduled for Monday, October 24th and will begin at 10:15am PT in the Exhibit Hall (Learning Theater 3).

The symposium will feature a group of clinical experts who will share their perspective on the current challenges in the management of patients with pulmonary nodules, especially those determined to be at intermediate risk for lung cancer. The speakers will use an interactive case-based approach featuring specific patient profiles to highlight important challenges in the use of existing technologies to establish a definitive diagnosis. The panelists will then discuss the need for new biomarkers, their application, and the level of evidence needed to move these new diagnostic modalities into clinical practice.

The panel speakers are:

- Anil Vachani, MD, MS - Associate Professor of Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center
- Peter Mazzone, MD, MPH - Director of the Lung Cancer Program for the Respiratory Institute at Cleveland Clinic, Director of the Lung Cancer Screening Program
- Nichole T. Tanner, MD, MSCR - Associate Professor of Medicine, Co-Director, Lung Cancer Screening Program, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Sleep Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina

Previously, the Company and The Wistar Institute announced the summary of the analysis of a 610 patient cohort for their lung cancer diagnostic study which will be presented at CHEST. The study demonstrates the ability of a lung cancer test to distinguish malignant from benign lung growths based on previously identified gene expression signatures, co-developed by Wistar and OncoCyte, under a license from Wistar. The data will be presented by lead investigator Louise Showe, Ph.D., on Tuesday, October 25th at 9:00 am. Dr. Showe is a professor in the Molecular and Cellular Oncogenesis Program and associate director for the Center for Systems and Computational Biology at The Wistar Institute.

About OncoCyte Corporation

OncoCyte is primarily focused on the development and commercialization of novel, non-invasive blood and urine ("liquid biopsy") diagnostic tests for the early detection of cancer to improve health outcomes through earlier diagnoses, to reduce the cost of care through the avoidance of more costly diagnostic

procedures, including invasive biopsy and cystoscopic procedures, and to improve the quality of life for cancer patients. While current biopsy tests use invasive surgical procedures to provide tissue samples in order to determine if a tumor is benign or malignant, OncoCyte is developing a next generation of diagnostic tests that will be based on liquid biopsies using blood or urine samples. OncoCyte's pipeline products are intended to be confirmatory diagnostics for detecting lung, bladder and breast cancer. OncoCyte's diagnostic tests are being developed using proprietary sets of genetic and protein markers that differentially express in specific types of cancer.

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