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**PTV SCIENCES ANNOUNCES AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR STEPHEN SLADE,  
M.D., AND AN INCREASED STRATEGIC FOCUS ON OPHTHALMOLOGY**

Austin and Houston, TX – August 22, 2008 – PTV Sciences (“PTV”), a healthcare venture capital and growth equity firm, announced an expanded role for world renowned ophthalmologist Stephen Slade, M.D. Dr. Slade is a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American College of Surgeons. In 1991, along with Stephen Brint, M.D., Dr. Slade performed the first LASIK procedure in the United States. Dr. Slade is a leader in ophthalmology and has been instrumental in the creation of several innovative products, including the Bausch & Lomb TECHNOLAS®. Dr. Slade was also instrumental in the ALCON Excimer Laser Custom Vision Clinical Trials.

Evan Melrose, M.D., Managing Director of PTV Sciences, commented that “Ophthalmology has long been a focus of PTV Sciences, since its inception in 2003; and with the aging global population today it will continue to be a very attractive market. The global ophthalmology market has been estimated to be as large as \$16 billion. We continue to look for ways to increase our presence in this important strategic area, and believe that Dr. Slade’s expanded role will be instrumental in adding value to our team and our portfolio companies.”

Rick Anderson, Managing Director of PTV Sciences and former Johnson & Johnson and Allergan executive, comments “as one of the true pioneers, and visionary leader in the field of ophthalmology, Dr. Slade is a valuable asset to the PTV Sciences team. We look forward to expanding both Dr. Slade’s role within the partnership, and PTV Sciences’ position in ophthalmology.”

**About PTV Sciences**

PTV Sciences ([www.ptvsciences.com](http://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 15 venture partners representing the leading clinicians, scientists, academic institutions, and entrepreneurs. PTV Sciences has offices in Austin and Houston, TX.