



## **New England IRB announces expanded review of Canadian study sites, in collaboration with Veritas IRB**

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Newton, MA and Montreal, Canada – September 28, 2010 -- New England Institutional Review Board of Newton, MA and Veritas IRB of Montreal, Quebec are pleased to announce a new strategic partnership. This unique relationship provides clients with the economy and convenience of one protocol review for all studies being conducted throughout the U.S. and Canada.

“We have very judiciously selected Veritas IRB as our Canadian partner in clinical trial review,” says New England IRB Vice President, James Saunders. “As one of the original central IRBs to receive AAHRPP accreditation, it is important to us to maintain that level of commitment to the rights and welfare of research participants. Veritas IRB is the perfect partner for us.”

New England IRB clients will continue to work with a dedicated IRB study administrator, who will act as a single point of contact with team support bridging both IRBs. This will ensure a seamless and comprehensive review in full compliance with regulatory and ethical requirements in both countries.

“We are pleased to collaborate with New England IRB,” says Dr. Janice Parente, Founder and President of ethica Clinical Research Inc./Veritas IRB. “Veritas IRB will work in concert with New England IRB to fulfill a combined role for sponsors of North American research. As a result, Canadian research participants can be assured that their rights and welfare will be protected by a group of individuals who understand local language, culture and laws, at both the federal and provincial levels.”

### **About New England IRB**

Founded in 1988, New England IRB is an experienced, national, central IRB dedicated to ensuring the rights and welfare of research study participants. New England IRB has earned and maintained full accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) since 2003, and is in good standing with FDA and OHRP. For more information, please visit: [www.neirb.com](http://www.neirb.com).

**About Veritas IRB**

Founded in 1996, Veritas IRB is a non-profit division of ethica Clinical Research Inc. ethica is a full-service Contract Research Organization (CRO) that conducts and manages ethical clinical research on drugs, biologics, medical devices and natural health products. In 2006, ethica became the first CRO in the world and the first Canadian company to obtain full accreditation by AAHRPP, and received reaccreditation in 2009. ethica has offices in Canada, Latin America and Asia. For more information, please visit: [www.veritasIRB.com](http://www.veritasIRB.com) and [www.ethicaclinical.com](http://www.ethicaclinical.com).