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### **Astellas Appoints New Vice President of Scientific and Medical Affairs**

**NORTHBROOK, Ill., November 1, 2012** – Astellas US LLC (“Astellas”) recently announced Jeffrey Bloss, M.D. has joined the company as vice president of the company’s Astellas Scientific and Medical Affairs (ASMA) division. Bloss, a gynecologic oncologist, will report to President and CEO Masao Yoshida.

“Bloss is joining Astellas at an exciting time, on the heels of two product launches,” Yoshida said. “I believe his proven experience in building a strong Medical Affairs group, excellent leadership and strong collaborative skills will take ASMA and Astellas to the next level as we work to achieve the goals for the Americas.”

Bloss will be responsible for leading the U.S. medical affairs organization and also support the medical affairs function in Canada and Latin America.

He joins Astellas from GlaxoSmithKline Oncology where he served as vice president and head of global medical affairs. Dr. Bloss has more than a decade of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, beginning in 2001 when he joined Eli Lilly & Company as a senior clinical research physician. He has also held management positions at Genentech, Inc., Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Xenocor.

Bloss entered the pharmaceutical industry following a long and distinguished career in academia and the U.S. Air Force (USAF). Dr. Bloss holds a medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson Medical College and was an obstetrics and gynecology resident at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

#### **About Astellas**

Astellas US LLC, located in Northbrook, Illinois, is a U.S. affiliate of Tokyo-based Astellas



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