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# H-CYTE Raises \$6 Million to Accelerate FDA Approval Process of Next Generation Cellular Therapy for COPD

## Broadcast.com Co-Founder Todd Wagner Among New Investors in Company Behind Lung Health Institute

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 18, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [H-CYTE Inc.](#) (OTCQB: HCYT) the owner and operator of innovative medical technology products and services including LungCYTE and [Lung Health Institute](#), announces it has raised \$6 million in new funding. The investment is in the form of preferred stock which may be converted into shares of common stock at a fixed price in excess of the current market, at approximately \$.41 per share. The investment was led by a group that includes Todd Wagner, a co-founder of Broadcast.com and Rex Farior and Preston Farior, prominent philanthropists and University of Florida benefactors. The new funding will be used to advance the company's development of industry-leading medical treatments for chronic lung diseases such as COPD.

It is estimated that 24 million people in the U.S. have COPD, an umbrella term that encompasses many other conditions, including emphysema and chronic bronchitis. According to the [CDC](#), more than 140,000 Americans die from this condition each year and there is currently no cure. Lung Health Institute offers patients cellular therapy treatments that aim to help reduce inflammation in the airways and slow the progression of lung disease at its five clinics located in Tampa, Nashville, Pittsburgh, Scottsdale and Dallas. Since 2013, Lung Health Institute has safely performed more than 8,000 of its minimally invasive procedures. Data from a recent study measuring patients' quality of life at 12 months post treatment showed 77.2% reported positive outcomes, of which 62% greatly exceeded the minimal clinically important difference (MCID).

"H-CYTE's goal is to greatly improve quality of life for patients who suffer from diseases that currently have no cure, such as COPD," said William Horne, H-CYTE CEO and Chairman. "We're thankful for the support of Todd and our other investors which allows us to continue pursuing breakthroughs for cutting-edge therapies that we believe can help people get back to their lives and the activities they love most."

H-CYTE recently entered into a long-term agreement with Rion that will enable H-CYTE to develop proprietary biologics for treatment of COPD. The company is planning on pursuing submission of an investigational new drug (IND) application for review by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for that new treatment.

"We're very excited to be working toward a new treatment to help the extremely underserved population of people with chronic lung disease. Successful realization of this treatment would

be a breakthrough therapy,” added William Horne.

In addition to Lung Health Institute and LungCYTE, H-CYTE owns and operates innovative medical technology products and services including DenerveX<sup>®</sup>, a non-drug alternative system that allows people with chronic back pain from facet joint syndrome get back to an active lifestyle.

The new funding was completed in a purchase of H-CYTE Series D Preferred Stock by FWHC LLC, an investment group that consists of Wagner as well as Tampa natives Rex Farris and Preston Farris. Additional details of the transaction will be filed in a Form 8K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### **About H-CYTE Corporation**

H-CYTE was formed to build and develop a diversified portfolio of innovative medical technology products and services to improve quality of life for patients. The DenerveX<sup>®</sup> System is H-CYTE's first product and is intended to provide long-lasting relief from pain associated with facet joint syndrome. For biomedical services, H-CYTE manages Lung Health Institute. Lung Health Institute is a leader in regenerative medicine that specializes in cellular therapies to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other chronic lung diseases. In late 2019, H-CYTE's biologics division, LungCYTE, plans to submit an IND to the FDA to study novel and proprietary biologics for treatment of COPD. For more information about H-CYTE, please visit [www.HCYTE.com](http://www.HCYTE.com).

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