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**ParagonDx Welcomes Molecular Diagnostic Industry Pioneer,  
Jorge Leon, PhD, to Its Scientific Advisory Board**

*Renowned industry leader to provide ParagonDx with valuable guidance and direction*

Morrisville, North Carolina – February 3, 2009 – ParagonDx LLC, a leader in genetic testing diagnostics, is proud to announce that Jorge Leon, PhD, has joined its Scientific Advisory Board. Dr. Leon is internationally recognized for his pioneering work in molecular diagnostics. With over 20 years of experience as an industry leader, he has evaluated, developed and commercialized new technologies and scientific innovations into successful diagnostic products.

“We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Leon join our scientific advisory board,” says Michael Murphy, President and CEO of ParagonDx. “Given Dr. Leon’s background in molecular diagnostics, his guidance will significantly advance the company’s position within the diagnostic industry.”

Dr. Leon received his PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology from New York University and completed postdoctoral studies at German Cancer Research Center in Heidelberg and Columbia University. He performed academic research on developing monoclonal antibody-based tumor marker assays and radio-immuno imaging devices, which are widely used today.

As one of the founders of the Molecular Diagnostics and Applied Genomics business at Quest Diagnostics, Dr. Leon spent 12 years developing the company’s molecular diagnostic strategy. Quest is now the world’s largest molecular diagnostics service laboratory. At Quest, Dr. Leon held several positions over time, including Director of Molecular Diagnostics, Sr. Director of Biotechnology Department, and Vice President of Applied Genomics.

Dr. Leon founded Leomics Associates, Inc., in 2003, a consulting firm which specializes in identifying breakthrough opportunities and industry trends, and helping start-ups, academic centers and established companies build and commercialize innovative business strategies, product pipelines and test menus.

Dr. Leon holds several patents, has been published extensively and serves on Board of various leading edge technology companies.

“I am pleased to be associated with ParagonDx and their innovative approach to personalized medicine,” says Dr. Leon. “It is exciting to be working with a leading edge company creating high quality molecular diagnostic products and services targeted at saving lives.”

ParagonDx continues to build an industry leading group of expert advisers with Dr. Leon joining its team. Dr. Leon's presence on the ParagonDx scientific advisory board further enhances the company's credibility and experience base in the molecular diagnostic industry.

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#### About ParagonDx

ParagonDx, located in Research Triangle Park, NC, is a leading provider of applied molecular diagnostic products. Initially a pioneer in the field of pharmacogenomics, ParagonDx has broadened its expertise into molecular diagnostic products. ParagonDx develops and markets reference controls for laboratory quality control and diagnostic kits that bring the promise of personalized medicine to physicians and patients. ParagonDx was the first company to bring FDA-cleared human genomic reference controls to the market. These products will enhance patient safety, improve patients' response to therapy and help realize the promise of personalized medicine. ParagonDx's latest endeavor, its CLIA-certified laboratory, builds upon its expertise to offer physicians and patients a local, reliable, convenient option to receive genetic testing results. For additional information, please visit [www.ParagonDx.com](http://www.ParagonDx.com).