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**C-Path Awarded Grant to Continue Drug Safety Work**

**Tucson, Arizona, October 16, 2007** – The Critical Path Institute (C-Path) announced the receipt of a \$4 million grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to continue support for its Arizona Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics (AzCERT). The AzCERT ([www.AZCERT.org](http://www.AZCERT.org)) is one of only fourteen federally funded Centers, each focusing on a different aspect of medical therapeutics. The four year award will enable the AzCERT to expand its programs which are designed to prevent dangerous drug interactions, especially those that harm women. The AzCERT is a collaboration between C-Path and The University of Arizona's Center for Health Outcomes and PharmacoEconomic Research (HOPE) in the College of Pharmacy.

The President of C-Path and Director of the AzCERT, Dr. Raymond Woosley, said that the application for federal funding was strengthened by the tremendous community support and the many AzCERT partnerships including The University of Arizona, the El Rio Community Health Center, the Mariposa Community Health Centers, Bashas' Pharmacies and Sonora Quest Laboratories. Dr. Woosley points out that the AzCERT's drug safety programs are essential to C-Path's primary mission, i.e. to establish improved methods that speed the safe development of new medicines.

Dr. J. Lyle Bootman, Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Executive Director of HOPE at The University of Arizona, said "The AzCERT plays a very important role in the College and its HOPE Center programs." Dr. Daniel Malone, Professor in the College of Pharmacy, is the co-director of the AzCERT and an internationally recognized authority on drug interactions. Dr. Marietta Anthony, before joining C-Path as the Associate Director of the AzCERT, was founding director of The University of Arizona Center of Excellence in Women's Health and is an international authority on women's health.

### About The Critical Path Institute

Headquartered in Tucson, Arizona with offices in Rockville, MD, C-Path was established in 2005 as a publicly funded, nonprofit research and education institute to serve as a trusted third party for collaborations between scientists and others from government, industry and academia. C-Path's mission is to help implement the FDA's Critical Path Initiative by developing faster, safer and smarter pathways to new medical products. Visit [www.C-Path.org](http://www.C-Path.org) for more information.

### About The University of Arizona HOPE Center

The Center for Health Outcomes and PharmacoEconomic Research at The University of Arizona College of Pharmacy assesses health care interventions from a clinical, economic and humanistic view. The center collaborates with researchers, academic institutions, health care organizations and pharmaceutical firms worldwide. Research focuses include cost-effectiveness analysis, quality-of-life assessment, pharmaceutical policy analysis and drug-use evaluation.