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## SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH STRATIFY GENOMICS, INC.

**SAN DIEGO (November 15, 2018)** – The San Diego Blood Bank (SDBB) has announced a strategic partnership with Stratify Genomics, Inc. (Stratify), a company dedicated to advancing the knowledge of genetic predisposition to cancer and other diseases so that patients and physicians can screen more effectively and efficiently.

Stratify Genomics' new Prompt Prostate Genetics Score Test (Prompt Test) is a laboratory developed screening test that will be used to analyze samples from males to determine their risk for prostate cancer, the most common form of cancer in men as they age. If caught early enough, prostate cancer can be curable and this test will help with early detection. The Prompt Test will be run in laboratory space Stratify Genomics leases at the San Diego Blood Bank headquarters, located on Gateway Center Avenue. The test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Stratify Genomics in collaboration with the San Diego Blood Bank.

“This collaboration is just another example of how the San Diego Blood Bank is shaping wellness in our community,” said David Wellis, PhD, CEO of San Diego Blood Bank. “We continue to expand into the area of medical research and are excited to facilitate making the Prompt Test available to male blood donors in our community.”

“Stratify is proud to partner with San Diego Blood Bank to launch the Prompt Test for predisposition to prostate cancer” said Martyn Gross, Stratify President. “Partnering allows us to launch our test efficiently and effectively without burdening the company with high capital expenses. This means more men can make potentially life-saving decisions sooner.”

### **About San Diego Blood Bank:**

SDBB is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. Our vision is to further ensure the health of our community by simultaneously delivering related health and wellness education and services and extending into research. SDBB is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves hospitals in San Diego, Orange, Imperial and Los Angeles counties with blood transfusion products and reference laboratory services. SDBB currently operates six local donor centers and 10 bloodmobiles. SDBB's Cell Therapy Program provides lifesaving stem cell transplants to patients worldwide. To be eligible to donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 114 pounds and be in general good health. For

more information about SDBB, visit [SanDiegoBloodBank.org](http://SanDiegoBloodBank.org) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **About Stratify Genomics:**

Stratify Genomics was founded by a leading urologist who became increasingly concerned about the controversy surrounding PSA screening which led to delayed diagnosis and increase in incurable disease in his patients. Stratify Genomics is focused on a solution designed to curb this disturbing trend.

The Prompt Prostate Genetic Score Test is a major advancement in defining risk for prostate cancer. This simple test, performed with a cheek swab sample, can help identify those high-risk men who may benefit most from prostate cancer screening and possibly even strategies to prevent prostate cancer.

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