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**ALIMERA SCIENCES INITIATES JCAHPO'S
"PARTNER FOR LEARNING" PROGRAM**

ATLANTA (March 21, 2005) – Alimera Sciences Inc., an emerging ophthalmic pharmaceutical company, today announced that it will support the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) in 2005 as its first "Partner for Learning."

According to the agreement, Alimera Sciences will sponsor in part five regional meetings, and will participate as one of many sponsors at JCAHPO's Annual Continuing Education Program scheduled October 15-18, 2005 in Chicago, IL. Alimera Sciences will also provide \$500 for a Continuing Education Scholarship for the JCAHPO 2005 Annual CE Program.

"The Alimera Sciences team is honored to partner with JCAHPO," said Dan Myers, CEO of Alimera Sciences. "Through this collaboration, we will reach our mutual goal of promoting continued ophthalmic education, thus enhancing the quality of patient care."

"Alimera Sciences' ophthalmic experience and commitment to continuing education made the company an ideal partner to assist us in ensuring quality patient care through qualified, educated allied health professionals," said Zoraida Fiol-Silva, M.D., President of JCAHPO.

Additional information and professional resources are available at www.sootheyedrops.com.

About Alimera Sciences Inc.

Alimera Sciences Inc. specializes in the development and commercialization of over-the-counter and prescription ophthalmology pharmaceuticals. Founded by an executive team with extensive development and revenue growth expertise, Alimera Sciences' products address underserved and overlooked areas of the ophthalmic market. In August 2004, Alimera Sciences unveiled *Soothe*TM, the market's first multi-dose, emollient-based artificial tear product.

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