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## iCo Therapeutics Announces Key iCo-007 Clinical Development Milestone

VANCOUVER, Aug. 15, 2011 /CNW/ - iCo Therapeutics Inc. (TSX-V "ICO") today announced the initiation of a US physician-sponsored Phase II clinical trial involving iCo-007, titled the iDEAL study, which will be conducted across multiple sites throughout the United States. The iDEAL Study will be led by the clinician scientists who are investigators in the trial and will be coordinated at one of the leading medical institutions in the United States. iCo Therapeutics' iCo-007 is an antisense drug targeting c-Raf kinase in development for the treatment of diabetic macular edema (DME). iCo-007 successfully completed a Phase I trial in the United States in 2010.

"We are very pleased to see yet another significant iCo-007 development milestone occurring in a timely fashion" stated Andrew Rae, iCo's President and CEO. "We expect to be able to provide further commentary on clinical and regulatory developments in the United States, as well as ongoing partnering prospects, in the near future."

DME is a major complication of diabetes and a leading cause of blindness in working age adults. In DME, leakage of fluid from the blood vessels in the eye causes the retina to swell, resulting in blurring and visual loss.

### About iCo-007

Designed and discovered by ISIS Pharmaceuticals Inc., (NASDAQ: ISIS), iCo-007 is a second-generation antisense drug targeting c-Raf kinase being developed for the treatment of DME and diabetic retinopathy. iCo-007 completed an open label, dose escalating Phase I trial with safety as the primary endpoint, and visual acuity and measures of retinal thickness serving as secondary endpoints. Importantly, iCo saw no drug-related serious adverse events, no signs of ocular inflammation, no intraocular pressure issues and no systemic exposure. Encouraging trends in measured secondary endpoints warrant further investigation. Four U.S. clinical sites participated in the trial.

### About iDEAL

The physician-sponsored clinical investigation is entitled, "Randomized, Multi-center, Phase II Study of the Safety, Tolerability and Bioactivity of Repeated Intravitreal Injections of iCo-007 as Monotherapy or in Combination with Ranibizumab or Laser Photocoagulation in the Treatment of Diabetic Macular Edema With Involvement of the FoveAL Center (the iDEAL Study)."

### About iCo Therapeutics

iCo Therapeutics Inc. is a Vancouver-based reprofiling company focused on redosing or reformulating drugs with clinical history for new or expanded indications. iCo has exclusive worldwide rights to three products: iCo-007, moving into Phase 2 for the treatment of DME, iCo-008 (Bertilimumab); a product with Phase 2 clinical history to be developed for severe ocular allergies and age-related macular degeneration; and iCo-009, an oral formulation of Amphotericin B for sight and life-threatening diseases. Immune Pharmaceuticals licensed systemic rights to iCo-008 in June 2011. iCo-009 also represents a new drug delivery technology with the potential to reprofile other parenteral administered drugs to the oral route of administration. iCo was awarded a Gold Leaf Award as the Early Stage Company of the Year from BIOTECCanada in 2010 and is a Canada's Top 10™ Competition winner. iCo trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "ICO". For more information, visit the Company website at: [www.icotherapeutics.com](http://www.icotherapeutics.com).

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