



DURECT Corporation Invites You to Join Its Third Quarter 2003 Conference Call On the Web

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In conjunction with DURECT Corporation's (Nasdaq: DRRX) third quarter 2003 financial results press release, you are invited to listen to its conference call that will be broadcast live over the Internet on Thursday, November 6, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. EST with Jim Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tom Schreck, Chief Financial Officer and Felix Theeuwes, Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer.

What: DURECT Corporation's Third Quarter 2003 Earnings Conference Call
When: Thursday, November 6th, 2003, 4:30 p.m. EST
Where: www.durect.com and click "Investor Relations"
Live over the Internet -- Simply log on to the Web at the address listed above.

If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, the call will be archived on DURECT's website under Audio Archive in the "Investor Relations" section.

DURECT Corporation (www.durect.com) is pioneering the development and commercialization of pharmaceutical systems for the treatment of chronic debilitating diseases and enabling biotechnology-based pharmaceutical products. DURECT's goal is to deliver the right drug to the right site in the right amount at the right time. In addition to its rights to the CHRONOGESIC(R) product, DURECT owns three proprietary drug delivery platform technologies, including the SABER(TM) Delivery System (a patented and versatile depot injectable useful for protein delivery), the MICRODUR(TM) Biodegradable Microparticulates (microspheres injectable system) and the DURIN(TM) Biodegradable Implant (drug-loaded implant system).

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