



DURECT Corporation to Participate in Upcoming Healthcare Conferences

CUPERTINO, Calif., Oct. 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — DURECT Corporation (Nasdaq: DRRX) announced today that management is scheduled to present at the following upcoming healthcare conferences in New York, NY.

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— Oppenheimer 19th Annual Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, November 4th at 3:20 p.m. Eastern Time.

— Barclays Capital Small & Mid-Cap Healthcare Forum on Thursday, November 6th at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

— Rodman & Renshaw Annual Global Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, November 11th 5:20 p.m. EST.

A live audio webcast of the presentations will be available by accessing DURECT's homepage at <http://www.durect.com> and clicking "Investor Relations." 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.

About DURECT Corporation

DURECT is an emerging specialty pharmaceutical company developing innovative drugs for pain and other chronic diseases, with late-stage development programs including REMOXY(R), POSIDUR(TM), ELADUR(TM) and TRANSDUR(TM)-Sufentanil. DURECT's proprietary oral, transdermal and injectable depot delivery technologies enable new indications and superior clinical/commercial attributes such as abuse deterrence, improved convenience, compliance, efficacy and safety for small molecule and biologic drugs. For more information, please visit <http://www.durect.com>.

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