

DURECT to Present at the BMO Capital Markets Healthcare Conference

CUPERTINO, Calif., July 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — DURECT Corporation (Nasdaq: DRRX) announced today that Matthew Hogan, Chief Financial Officer, will be presenting at the BMO Capital Markets 9th Annual Focus on Healthcare Conference on Wednesday, August 5 at 4:00 pm Eastern Time. The conference is being held at the Millennium Broadway Hotel in New York City. A webcast of the presentation will be accessible at:

http://www.bmocm.com/conferences/2009healthcare/webcast/.

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About DURECT Corporation

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