



DURECT Corporation to Participate in Upcoming Healthcare Conferences

CUPERTINO, Calif., Sept. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ — DURECT Corporation (Nasdaq: DRRX) announced today that management is scheduled to present at two upcoming healthcare conferences.

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— Matt Hogan, Chief Financial Officer, will present at the UBS Global Life Sciences Conference in New York on Wednesday, September 23rd at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. A live audio webcast of the presentation 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.

— Joe Stauffer, Chief Medical Officer and EVP-Corporate Strategy, will deliver a talk entitled "Issues and Challenges with Clinical Drug Development of Pain Compounds: Failure in Phase III and the Cart before the Horse" at Arrowhead's 3rd Annual Pain Therapeutics Summit in Summit, New Jersey on Friday, September 25th at 8:40 am Eastern Time.

About DURECT

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 www.durect.com.

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