



DURECT to Present at Cowen and Company Health Care Conference

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DURECT Corporation (Nasdaq: DRRX) announced today that Dr. James E. Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer, will be presenting at the Cowen and Company 31st Annual Healthcare Conference on Monday, March 7 at 1:00 pm Eastern Time. The conference is being held at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston.

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A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available by accessing DURECT's homepage at 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 chronic diseases, with late-stage development programs including REMOXY(R), POSIDUR(TM), ELADUR(TM), and TRANSDUR(R)-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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