



AcelRx Pharmaceuticals to Present at the 23rd Annual Piper Jaffray Health Care Conference

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REDWOOD CITY Calif., Nov. 23, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: ACRX), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of innovative therapies for the treatment of acute and breakthrough pain, today announced that Richard King, President and Chief Executive Officer, will present at the 23rd Annual Piper Jaffray Health Care Conference in New York City at the New York Palace Hotel. The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29 at 9:30 a.m. ET.

The presentation will be webcast live and can be accessed through: http://www.corporate-ir.net/ireye/confLobby.zhtml?ticker=ACRX&item_id=4228786. For those who are not available to listen to the live broadcast, the presentation will be archived and available through <http://www.acerlx.com>.

About AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Based in Redwood City, CA, AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: ACRX) is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of innovative therapies for the treatment of acute and breakthrough pain. AcelRx's lead product candidate, the ARX-01 Sufentanil NanoTab PCA System, which is in preparation for Phase 3 clinical development, is designed to solve the problems associated with post-operative intravenous patient-controlled analgesia which has been shown to cause harm to patients following surgery because of the side effects of morphine, the invasive IV route of delivery and the inherent potential for programming and delivery errors associated with the complexity of infusion pumps. AcelRx has two additional product candidates which have completed Phase 2 clinical development: ARX-02 for the treatment of cancer breakthrough pain, and ARX-03 for providing mild sedation, anxiety reduction and pain relief for patients undergoing painful procedures in a physician's office. A fourth product candidate, ARX-04, is a sufentanil product for the treatment of moderate-to-severe acute pain that is expected to enter Phase 2 clinical development in the fourth quarter of 2011 under a grant from the US Army Medical Research and Material Command.

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