



## **AcelRx Pharmaceuticals to Host Investor Day on June 27, 2013**

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REDWOOD CITY, Calif., June 21, 2013 /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, will host an Investor Day on Thursday, June 27, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. EDT (6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. PDT) at the 21 Club, 21 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY.

Members of the AcelRx management team will present insights on the Company's Sufentanil NanoTab PCA System Phase 3 clinical trial results and discuss plans related to hospital formulary adoption and commercialization. In addition, thought leaders who treat post-operative pain in the hospital setting will discuss their experience with and perspectives on the Sufentanil NanoTab PCA System. Breakfast will be served for meeting attendees from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and a link to the live webcast will be available on the Investors page of the Company's website at [www.acelrx.com](http://www.acelrx.com) beginning at 9:00 a.m. EDT. An archive of the webcast will be available shortly after the event through the Investors page at [www.acelrx.com](http://www.acelrx.com).

### **About AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 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 Sufentanil NanoTab PCA System, 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 complexity of infusion pumps. The NanoTab System has successfully completed all three of its planned Phase 3 clinical trials and a New Drug Application submission is planned for the third quarter of 2013. AcelRx has announced positive top-line results for a Phase 2 trial for ARX-04, a sufentanil formulation for the treatment of moderate-to-severe acute pain, funded through a grant from U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. The company has two additional pain treatment product candidates, ARX-02 and ARX-03, which have completed Phase 2 clinical development. For additional information about AcelRx's clinical programs please visit [www.acelrx.com](http://www.acelrx.com).

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, statements related to the Company's Sufentanil NanoTab PCA System Phase 3 clinical trial results, planned New Drug Application submission, the Company's plans related to hospital formulary adoption and commercialization as well as planned or anticipated future clinical development of AcelRx Pharmaceuticals' product candidates, and the therapeutic potential of AcelRx Pharmaceuticals' product candidates. These forward-looking statements are based on AcelRx Pharmaceuticals' current expectations and inherently involve significant risks and uncertainties. AcelRx Pharmaceuticals' actual results and the timing of events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of these risks and uncertainties, which include, without limitation, risks related to: the success, cost and timing of AcelRx Pharmaceuticals' product development activities and clinical trials; the market potential for its product candidates; and other risks detailed in the "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in AcelRx Pharmaceuticals' U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 8, 2013. AcelRx Pharmaceuticals undertakes no duty or obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this release as a result of new information, future events or changes in its expectations.

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