



AcelRx Pharmaceuticals to Hold Second Quarter 2013 Financial Results Conference Call and Webcast on August 12, 2013

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REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Aug. 2, 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, today announced that it will release second quarter 2013 financial results after market close on Monday, August 12, 2013. AcelRx management will host an investment-community conference call at 4:30 p.m. eastern time (1:30 p.m. pacific time) on August 12, 2013 to discuss the financial results and provide a corporate update.

Investors who wish to participate in the conference call may do so by dialing (800) 860-2442 for domestic callers, (866) 605-3852 for Canadian callers or (412) 858-4600 for international callers. Those interested in listening to the conference call live via the internet may do so by visiting the Investors page of the company's website at www.acerlx.com and clicking on the webcast link on the Investors home page.

A webcast replay will be available on the AcelRx website for 90 days following the call by visiting the Investor page of the company's website at www.acerlx.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, Zalviso, 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. AcelRx has announced positive results from each of the three Phase 3 clinical trials for Zalviso and AcelRx anticipates submitting a New Drug Application with the FDA in the third quarter of 2013. AcelRx also 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.acerlx.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, statements related to anticipated timing of submission of the NDA 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: AcelRx Pharmaceuticals' ability to submit an NDA and receive regulatory approval for Zalviso, that fact that FDA may dispute or interpret differently positive clinical results obtained to date; any delays or inability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of its product candidates, including Zalviso, in the United States and Europe; its ability to attract funding partners or collaborators with development, regulatory and commercialization expertise; its ability to obtain sufficient financing to commercialize Zalviso; 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 Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 19, 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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