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Dogwood to Host Virtual KOL Event to Discuss Halneuron® for the Treatment of Chemotherapy Induced Neuropathic Pain on September 1, 2026

ALPHARETTA, Ga., Aug. 17, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Dogwood Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: DWTX) ("Dogwood" or the "Company"), a company that focuses on developing first-in-class, new non-opioid medicines to treat pain and neuropathy, today announced that it will host a virtual key opinion leader (KOL) event on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time, featuring J. Mark Joyce, M.D. (CNS Healthcare), Iain D. Dukes, D.Phil. (OrbiMed Advisors, Chair Dogwood SAB), and Jerry Evarts, Ph.D. (expert CMC Specialist, Dogwood), who will join company management to discuss the unmet need and current treatment landscape for chemotherapy induced neuropathic pain ("CINP"). To register, click here.

The event will review the novel role of the Na_V 1.7 sodium ion channel in pain signaling, which is key to the initiation and conduction of the electrical signals that the brain interprets as pain. Management will discuss Halneuron®'s selective and differentiated Na_V 1.7 mechanism of action as compared to current and future Na_V inhibitors. The speakers will also review prior Halneuron® pre-clinical and clinical research and the design and projected treatment outcomes of the ongoing Phase 2b CINP study design. Halneuron® has been tested on more than 800 patients to date, including patients suffering from cancer-related pain and CINP. Guest experts will discuss ion channel therapies as a newer approach to treating chronic pain, as well as the existing unmet medical need in treating CINP. The company will review positive interim results from its ongoing Phase 2b clinical trial in patients with a mean duration of five years of painful neuropathy due to their prior chemotherapy treatment and discuss the advancement of the first ever synthetic formulation of Tetrodotoxin to support Halneuron®'s' Phase 3 development.

A live question and answer session will follow the formal presentations.

About J. Mark Joyce, M.D.

J. Mark Joyce, M.D. became an investigator for CNS Healthcare of Jacksonville in September 2003. He earned his medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed his psychiatry residency training at Emory University School of Medicine in 1992. Board certified in psychiatry, Dr. Joyce has extensive experience in the public mental health field and owned a private practice in Atlanta, Georgia prior to relocating to Jacksonville.

About Iain D. Dukes, D.Phil.

Iain D. Dukes, D.Phil. is a Venture Partner and joined OrbiMed in 2016. Most recently, Iain was a Senior Vice President, Business Development & Licensing, at Merck where he oversaw all licensing deals for Merck Research Laboratories, including external research, out-licensing, regional deals, and academic alliances. Iain has more than 20 years of experience in pharmaceutical research, drug discovery, scientific and technology licensing, and start-up company leadership, as well as consulting for numerous biotech and venture capital organizations. Before joining Merck, he served as Vice President of External Research and Development at Amgen. He has also held positions as president and CEO of Essentialis Therapeutics and as Vice President, Scientific and Technology Licensing at GlaxoSmithKline. Iain received his D.Phil. degree from the University of Oxford and conducted post-doctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania on the biophysics of cardiac ion channels.

About Jerry Evarts, Ph.D.

Jerry Evarts, Ph.D. is an expert chemistry and manufacturing consultant working with Dogwood, bringing over 20 years of industrial experience specializing in chemical synthesis of small molecules. Following his doctorate at Purdue University and a post-doctoral at Stanford, Dr. Evarts started his career with Icos Corporation in Bothell, Washington. After two years at the bench, he left to manage all of the chemistry, manufacturing and controls ("CMC") that was out licensed to a startup, Calistoga Pharma. Dr. Evarts also worked as a bench chemist performing medicinal chemistry, and later pursuing process chemistry and CMC, he moved on to another startup, Acerta Pharma. Following the startup successes, Dr. Evarts turned his attention to consulting with emphasis on startups. Since 2016, he has experienced all levels of programs from early scouting and scale up support for medicinal chemistry, to Phase 3 programs and NDA submissions. Also, starting in 2019, Dr. Evarts managed all drug substance programs for Day One Bio. At Dogwood, he supports the synthetic manufacture of Tetrodotoxin, a molecule requiring over 30 steps of synthetic chemistry, and the conversion to Halneuron®, the lyophilized drug product.

Halneuron® CINP Phase 2b Trial ("HAL-CINP") Overview (NCT06848348)

HAL-CINP is a randomized, Phase 2b clinical trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of Halneuron® compared with placebo in approximately 210 to 240 patients with moderate to severe neuropathic pain caused by prior platinum and/or taxane-based chemotherapy. Participants receive 8 sub-cutaneous doses of Halneuron® or placebo over a 14-day period and are followed for a total of 28 days for safety and effectiveness. The primary endpoint for this study is the change from baseline to week four in the weekly average of daily 24-hour recall pain intensity scores. The study is being conducted at approximately 25 sites in the U.S. Secondary measures will assess Halneuron's® treatment effects on sleep, fatigue, neuropathy symptoms and overall patient health.

About Dogwood Therapeutics

Dogwood Therapeutics (Nasdaq: DWTX) is a development-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing first-in-class, non-opioid medicines to treat pain and neuropathic disorders. The Dogwood research pipeline includes two first-in-class

development candidates, Halneuron® and SP16 IV.

Our lead product candidate, Halneuron®, is in Phase 2b development to treat pain conditions including the neuropathic pain associated with chemotherapy treatment. Halneuron® has been granted fast track designation from the FDA for the treatment of CINP. Halneuron ® is a non-opioid, Na_V 1.7 analgesic which is a highly specific voltage-gated sodium channel modulator, a mechanism known to be effective for reducing pain transmission. In clinical studies, Halneuron® treatment has demonstrated pain reduction in pain related to general cancer and in pain related to chronic CINP.

SP16 IV is a low-density lipoprotein receptor related protein-1 agonist ("LRP1") with potential to treat neuropathy and prevent or repair nerve damage following chemotherapy. SP16 acts as an LRP1 agonist that in turn provides alpha-1-antitrypsin-like activity. Consistent with alpha-1-antitrypsin anti-inflammatory and immunomodulatory actions, SP16 preclinically demonstrated anti-inflammatory (analgesic) action via potential reductions in IL-6, IL-8, IL1B and TNF-alpha levels, as well as potential to repair damaged tissue via increases in pAKT and pERK that regulate fundamental processes like growth, proliferation and survival. The forthcoming SP16 IV Phase 1b chemotherapy induced peripheral neuropathy trial is fully funded by the National Cancer Institute.

Dogwood Therapeutics' largest shareholder is a member of CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc., which is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (Stock code: 0775).

For more information, please visit www.dwtx.com.

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