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News Release

JMP SECURITIES HEALTHCARE SECTOR FOCUS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BOSTON

Public and Private Growth Companies to Present to Institutional Investors and Financial Sponsors

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18, 2006 – JMP Securities, a research-driven, full-service investment bank serving growth companies and their investors, announced today that it will hold the JMP Securities Healthcare Sector Focus Conference at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston on Thursday, November 16, 2006.

In its inaugural year, the conference will feature presentations from chief executives of more than 30 public and private companies in biotechnology, medical devices, healthcare services and healthcare information technology. In addition, a pair of thematic panel discussions will highlight the latest developments and industry trends affecting the biotechnology arena and the healthcare services sector.

To register to attend the event, visit www.twstevent.com/jmp.html.

Companies scheduled to present as of October 18, 2006; subject to change:

ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc. (ACAD)
Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (ALXA)
Align Technology, Inc. (ALGN)
Allscripts Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (MDRX)
AMICAS, Inc. (AMCS)
Anadys Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (ANDS)
Celgene Corporation (CELG)
Computer Programs and Systems, Inc. (CPSI)
Critical Therapeutics, Inc. (CRTX)
Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (CBST)
Cytokinetics, Incorporated (CYTK)
Dendreon Corporation (DNDN)
DENTSPLY International Inc. (XRAY)
Eclipsys Corporation (ECLP)
Emageon Inc. (EMAG)
Genomic Health, Inc. (GHDX)
Human Genome Sciences, Inc. (HGSI)
Incyte Corporation (INCY)
Indevus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (IDEV)
IntraLase Corp. (ILSE)
IsoTis S.A. (ISTSF.PK)
LCA-Vision Inc. (LCAV)
Myriad Genetics, Inc. (MYGN)
NxStage Medical, Inc. (NXTM)
Oscient Pharmaceuticals Corporation (OSCI)
Quality Systems, Inc. (QSII)
Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. (SGMO)
Systems Xcellence Inc. (SXCI)
TransMedics, Inc. (Private)

ViroPharma Incorporated (VPHM)
Vital Images, Inc. (VTAL)
WebMD Health Corp. (WBMD)

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