



## **Cara Therapeutics to Present at the Leerink Partners 7th Annual Global Healthcare Conference**

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STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 07, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cara Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq:CARA), a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing new chemical entities designed to alleviate pruritus and pain by selectively targeting peripheral kappa opioid receptors, today announced that Dr. Derek Chalmers, President and CEO, will present a Company overview and participate in a fireside chat at the Leerink Partners 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Healthcare Conference on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. ET in New York.

A live webcast of the presentation can be accessed under "Events and Presentations" in the News & Investors section of the Company's website at [www.CaraTherapeutics.com](http://www.CaraTherapeutics.com). An archived webcast recording will be available on the Cara website for approximately 30 days.

### **About Cara Therapeutics**

Cara Therapeutics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing new chemical entities designed to alleviate pruritus and pain by selectively targeting peripheral kappa opioid receptors (KORs). Cara is developing a novel and proprietary class of product candidates, led by KORSUVA<sup>TM</sup> (CR845/difelikefalin), a first-in-class KOR agonist that targets the body's peripheral nervous system, as well as certain immune cells. In Phase 2 trials, CR845/difelikefalin has demonstrated statistically significant reductions in itch intensity and concomitant improvement in quality of life measures in hemodialysis patients with moderate-to-severe chronic kidney disease-associated pruritus (CKD-aP) and is currently being investigated in Phase 3 trials in hemodialysis patients with CKD-aP. Additionally, CR845/difelikefalin has demonstrated initial signs of efficacy in patients with moderate-to-severe pain, without inducing many of the undesirable side effects typically associated with currently available opioid pain therapeutics.

The FDA has conditionally accepted KORSUVA<sup>TM</sup> as the trade name for difelikefalin injection. CR845/difelikefalin is an investigational drug product, and its safety and efficacy have not been fully evaluated by any regulatory authority.

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