



Aclaris Therapeutics Expands Leadership Team

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- ***Appoints Gail Cawkwell, MD, PhD, as Chief Medical Officer***

WAYNE, Pa., June 27, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: ACRS), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel drug candidates for immuno-inflammatory diseases, today announced the appointment of Gail Cawkwell, MD, PhD, as Chief Medical Officer, effective today.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Cawkwell to Aclaris at this time as we are executing on a number of clinical programs," said Dr. Neal Walker, President and CEO of Aclaris. "Her leadership experience in pharmaceutical development as well as her clinical background will be extremely valuable in navigating the strategic direction of our drug development pipeline."

Dr. Cawkwell is a pediatric rheumatologist and epidemiologist who brings over 20 years of pharmaceutical development and medical affairs experience in large and small companies, and across multiple disease areas. Most recently, she served as Senior Vice President, Medical Affairs, Safety & Pharmacovigilance at Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Prior to that, Dr. Cawkwell worked for Purdue Pharma L.P. most recently as Special Advisor to the Board of Directors, and Pfizer Inc., most recently as Vice President Medicine Team Lead for Pfizer's tofacitinib franchise. Dr. Cawkwell also previously served as a Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics at Columbia Presbyterian Health Center.

"As a rheumatologist, I am thrilled to join Aclaris, a company passionate about finding treatment options for patients with immuno-inflammatory conditions," said Dr. Cawkwell. "I look forward to helping Aclaris advance its clinical pipeline and delivering on its clinical development goals."

About Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing a pipeline of novel drug candidates to address the needs of patients with immuno-inflammatory diseases who lack satisfactory treatment options. The company has a multi-stage portfolio of drug candidates powered by a robust R&D engine exploring protein kinase regulation. For additional information, please visit www.aclaristx.com.

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