

## **Aclaris Therapeutics Honored as One of the Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania**

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MALVERN, Pa., Oct. 28, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc., (NASDAQ:ACRS), a dermatologist-led, specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development of medical and aesthetic dermatology treatments, has been named one of the Best Places to Work in PA for 2016 by the Best Companies Group. The awards program, created in 2000, is one of the first statewide programs of its kind in the country. The program is a public/private partnership between Team Pennsylvania Foundation, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the Pennsylvania State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management, and the *Central Penn Business Journal*.

“It is a great honor to be named one of the Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania, and I’m pleased to share this award with all of my colleagues who help make Aclaris an exceptional company,” said Dr. Neal Walker, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aclaris. “We have built an extraordinary team of people who are committed to developing and commercializing new medical and aesthetic dermatology treatment options for patients with visible skin and hair conditions.”

This survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Pennsylvania, who are benefiting the state's economy and its workforce. Employers are categorized based upon the total number of employees they have in the United States, 25 to 249 employees and 250 or more employees.

To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a for-profit or not-for-profit business
- Be a publicly or privately held business
- Have a facility in Pennsylvania
- Have at least 25 employees working in Pennsylvania
- Be in business a minimum of one year.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part process to determine the 100 Best Places to Work in PA. The first part of this process was evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophies, systems and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25% of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 75% of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process.

Aclaris will be recognized at the Best Places to Work in PA awards banquet on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at the Lancaster County Convention Center in Lancaster, PA. Rankings will be revealed at the ceremony. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.CPBJ.com/events](http://www.CPBJ.com/events).

In addition to the public/private partnership, the program is supported by the following organizations: Lead Sponsor—Team Pennsylvania Foundation; Presenting Sponsors—BDO, USA and Conrad Siegel Actuaries; Major Sponsors—Harrisburg University, PA Department of Labor and Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Saul Ewing LLP; Selfie Sponsor—CenturyLink; Founding Partners—Team Pennsylvania Foundation and the Central Penn Business Journal; Program Partners—The Department of Community and Economic Development and PA SHRM.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in PA, visit [www.bestplacestoworkinpa.com](http://www.bestplacestoworkinpa.com) or contact Emily Winslow, event coordinator at the *Central Penn Business Journal* at 717-236-4300 or [emilyw@cpbj.com](mailto:emilyw@cpbj.com).

### **About Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.**

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. is a clinical-stage specialty pharmaceutical company focused on identifying, developing, and commercializing innovative and differentiated drugs to address significant unmet needs in dermatology. Aclaris is based in Malvern, Pennsylvania and more information can be found by visiting Aclaris’ website at [www.aclaristx.com](http://www.aclaristx.com).

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