



Synta Pharmaceuticals to Present at the Third Annual JMP Securities Healthcare Focus Conference

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Company to Webcast Presentation on October 7

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Synta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (NASDAQ: SNTA), a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing, and commercializing small molecule drugs to treat severe medical conditions, today announced that the Company will be presenting at the Third Annual JMP Securities Healthcare Focus Conference on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. (ET) at the Le Parker Meridien Hotel in New York.

A live audio webcast and replay of the presentation will be available on the "Investors" section of the Company's website, www.syntapharma.com.

About Synta Pharmaceuticals

Synta Pharmaceuticals Corp. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing, and commercializing small molecule drugs to extend and enhance the lives of patients with severe medical conditions, including cancer and chronic inflammatory diseases. Synta has a unique chemical compound library, an integrated discovery engine, and a diverse pipeline of clinical- and preclinical-stage drug candidates with distinct mechanisms of action and novel chemical structures. All Synta drug candidates were invented by Synta scientists using our compound library and discovery capabilities. Synta has a partnership with GlaxoSmithKline for the joint development and commercialization of its lead investigational drug candidate, elesclomol, which is in a global, pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial for the treatment of metastatic melanoma. For more information, please visit www.syntapharma.com.

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