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Evoke Reaches Study Enrollment Milestone Associated With Credit Facility

150 Patients Enrolled in Phase 3 Clinical Trial

SOLANA BEACH, Calif., Sept. 28, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Evoke Pharma, Inc. (NASDAQ:EVOK), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on treatments for gastrointestinal (GI) diseases, today announced that the Company has reached a key milestone under its $4.5 million loan and security agreement (the credit facility) with Square 1 Bank (Square 1). As of today, the Company has enrolled 150 patients in its current Phase 3 clinical trial of EVK-001, its patented nasal delivery formulation of metoclopramide for the relief of symptoms associated with acute and recurrent diabetic gastroparesis in women.

According to the terms of the credit facility, Evoke is required to fulfill a 75% patient enrollment covenant in its ongoing Phase 3 clinical trial prior to November 1, 2015, which was achieved as of September 25, 2015.

"We are very pleased to have achieved this significant milestone in the enrollment of our Phase 3 clinical trial and are encouraged by the recent progress made in the enrollment process. We look forward to fully enrolling the study in the first half of 2016," said Dave Gonyer, R.Ph., President and CEO. "Reaching this milestone has enabled us to satisfy one of the main covenants in our credit facility. Square 1 has been an excellent partner for Evoke and we appreciate their continued support of the Company and our goal of bringing a safe and effective treatment to patients suffering from gastroparesis."

About Evoke Pharma, Inc.

Evoke is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused primarily on the development of drugs to treat GI disorders and diseases. The Company is developing EVK-001, a metoclopramide nasal spray for the relief of symptoms associated with acute and recurrent gastroparesis in women with diabetes mellitus. Diabetic gastroparesis is a GI disorder afflicting millions of sufferers worldwide, in which the stomach takes too long to empty its contents resulting in serious digestive system symptoms. Metoclopramide is the only product currently approved in the United States to treat gastroparesis, and is currently available only in oral and intravenous forms. EVK-001 is a novel formulation of this drug, designed to provide systemic delivery of metoclopramide through intranasal administration. Visit www.EvokePharma.com for more information.

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