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OPKO Provides Update to Topline Data of Phase 3 Clinical Study of hGH-CTP in Growth Hormone Deficient Adults

MIAMI, June 15, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **OPKO Health, Inc.** (NASDAQ:OPK) announces an update to the topline data analysis of the Phase 3, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of its investigational long-acting human growth hormone product (hGH-CTP) in adults with growth hormone deficiency (GHD). In December 2016 OPKO reported that the primary endpoint of change in trunk fat mass from baseline to 26 weeks did not demonstrate a statistical difference between the hGH-CTP treated group and placebo. At the time, one or more outliers were identified that may have affected the outcome on the primary endpoint.

OPKO has now completed post-hoc sensitivity analyses to evaluate the influence of outliers on the primary endpoint results using multiple statistical approaches. Analyses that excluded outliers showed a statistically significant difference between hGH-CTP and placebo on the change in trunk fat mass. Additional analyses that did not exclude outliers showed mixed results. Post-hoc analyses do not carry the same weight of evidence as a pre-specified primary analysis.

"We are encouraged by the results of these analyses," stated Phillip Frost, M.D., OPKO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

OPKO has initiated a global Phase 3 trial, utilizing a multi-dose disposable pre-filled pen, to evaluate hGH-CTP in pediatric GHD patients. OPKO also plans to utilize this multi-dose pen for patients who continue in the open label extension phase of the adult Phase 3 and the pediatric Phase 2 GHD studies. In addition, preparation for the pivotal pediatric GHD trial in Japan is progressing and site selection is near completion.

About OPKO Health, Inc.

OPKO Health is a diversified healthcare company that seeks to establish industry leading positions in large, rapidly growing markets. Our diagnostics business includes BioReference Laboratories, the nation's third largest clinical laboratory with a core genetic testing business and a 400 person sales and marketing team to drive growth and leverage new products, including the 4Kscore® prostate cancer test and the Claros® 1 in office immunoassay platform. Our pharmaceutical business features RAYALDEE, an FDA approved treatment for SHPT in stage 3-4 CKD patients with vitamin D insufficiency (launched in November 2016), VARUBI™ for chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting (oral formulation launched by partner TESARO and IV formulation pending FDA approval), OPK88004, a once or twice weekly oxyntomodulin for type 2 diabetes and obesity, in Phase 2 clinical trials, among the new class of GLP-1 glucagon receptor dual agonists, and OPK88003, a selective androgen receptor modulator for benign prostatic hyperplasia (Phase 2). Our biologics business includes hGH-CTP, a once weekly human growth hormone in Phase 3 and partnered with Pfizer; and a long-acting Factor VIIa drug for hemophilia in Phase 2a. More information available at www.opko.com.

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