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## **Rockwell Medical to Present Data on Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Administration of Triferic at American Society of Nephrology (ASN) Meeting November 2016**

### **Rat Toxicology Study Shows Transfer of Iron from Peritoneum T Blood with no Toxic Effects**

WIXOM, Mich., Oct. 19, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Rockwell Medical, Inc. (NASDAQ:RMTI), a fully-integrated biopharmaceutical company targeting end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and chronic kidney disease (CKD) with innovative products for the treatment of iron replacement, secondary hyperparathyroidism and hemodialysis, announced today that it will present data on the toxicology of Triferic administered intraperitoneally to rats at ASN Kidney Week 2016 Annual Meeting, November 15-20 at the McCormick Place in Chicago, IL. Triferic is the Company's iron-replacement drug for the treatment of iron deficiency in chronic kidney disease patients receiving dialysis.

The study will be presented as a poster on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

Session Title: Peritoneal Dialysis - I

Session Date and Time: November 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Poster #: SA-PO1089

Rob Chioini, Chairman and CEO of Rockwell Medical stated, "This study demonstrates Triferic's potential to be an effective iron replacement therapy for patients receiving peritoneal dialysis. Peritoneal dialysis sales are currently estimated to be \$600M in the U.S., and \$3B worldwide. This toxicology study was the last step prior to initiating our clinical program for Peritoneal Dialysis. We plan to start a dose finding study in humans on PD in Q1 of 2017."

#### **About Triferic**

Triferic is the only FDA approved drug indicated to replace iron and maintain hemoglobin in hemodialysis patients suffering from anemia. Via dialysate during each dialysis treatment, Triferic replaces the 5-7 mg iron loss that occurs in all patients, effectively maintaining their iron balance. Unlike IV iron products, Triferic binds iron immediately and completely to transferrin (carrier of iron in the body) upon entering the blood and it is then transported directly to the bone marrow to be incorporated into hemoglobin, with no increase in ferritin (stored iron and inflammation) and no anaphylaxis, addressing a significant unmet need in overcoming Functional Iron Deficiency (FID) in ESRD patients. Please visit [www.triferic.com](http://www.triferic.com) for more information.

#### **About Rockwell Medical**

Rockwell Medical is a fully-integrated biopharmaceutical company targeting end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and chronic kidney disease (CKD) with innovative products and services for the treatment of iron replacement, secondary hyperparathyroidism and hemodialysis.

Rockwell's recent FDA approved drug Triferic is indicated for iron replacement and maintenance of hemoglobin in hemodialysis patients. Triferic delivers iron to patients during their regular dialysis treatment, using dialysate as the delivery mechanism. Triferic has demonstrated that it safely and effectively delivers sufficient iron to the bone marrow and maintains hemoglobin, without increasing iron stores (ferritin). Rockwell intends to market Triferic to hemodialysis patients in the U.S. dialysis market and globally.

Rockwell's FDA approved generic drug Calcitriol is for treating secondary hyperparathyroidism in dialysis patients. Calcitriol (active vitamin D) injection is indicated in the management of hypocalcemia in patients undergoing chronic renal dialysis. It has been shown to significantly reduce elevated parathyroid hormone levels. Reduction of PTH has been shown to result in an improvement in renal osteodystrophy. Rockwell intends to market Calcitriol to hemodialysis patients in the U.S. dialysis market.

Rockwell is also an established manufacturer and leader in delivering high-quality hemodialysis concentrates/dialysates to dialysis providers and distributors in the U.S. and abroad. As one of the two major suppliers in the U.S., Rockwell's products are used to maintain human life by removing toxins and replacing critical nutrients in the dialysis patient's bloodstream. Rockwell has three U.S. manufacturing and distribution facilities.

Rockwell's exclusive renal drug therapies support disease management initiatives to improve the quality of life and care of dialysis patients and are intended to deliver safe and effective therapy, while decreasing drug administration costs and improving patient convenience. Rockwell Medical is developing a pipeline of drug therapies, including extensions of Triferic for indications outside of hemodialysis. Please visit [www.rockwellmed.com](http://www.rockwellmed.com) for more information.

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