Vaxart Announces Highly Regarded Biotech Executive Julie M. Cherrington, Ph.D., Joins Board of Directors

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Dr. Cherrington brings decades of research and development experience and executive leadership to Vaxart's Board

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 23, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Vaxart, Inc. (NASDAQ: VXRT) today announced the addition of Julie M. Cherrington, Ph.D., to the company's board of directors. Dr. Cherrington is an experienced life science executive with extensive insights into taking drugs through the development process to commercialization.

Vaxart is a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing oral vaccines that are administered by tablet rather than by injection. Vaxart is now developing oral tablet vaccines for COVID-19 and norovirus that have the potential to transform public health.

"We are proud to welcome Dr. Julie Cherrington to the Vaxart Board of Directors," said Vaxart Board Chairman Todd C. Davis. "She has had a high-caliber career in life sciences and is the leader of a cutting-edge clinical stage biotech company. We look forward to working with her and benefitting from her experience and wisdom."

"Dr. Cherrington's background in virology and immunology and her record as the CEO of multiple companies makes her a great fit for Vaxart, which is pioneering revolutionary oral vaccines," said Andrei Floroiu, Vaxart's Chief Executive Officer. "As Vaxart prepares to start our Phase II COVID-19 oral tablet trials and progress through clinical trials in some of our other programs, we will benefit from Julie's invaluable insight and experience."

"I am pleased to be joining Vaxart at this critical stage of company growth and to serve on the Vaxart Board of Directors as the company continues to advance its oral COVID-19 and norovirus vaccines in the clinic," said Dr. Cherrington.

Dr. Cherrington's biography can be found below:

Julie M. Cherrington, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

Julie M Cherrington, Ph.D., is the Chief Executive Officer of QUE Oncology, a clinical stage company developing novel non-hormonal treatments for vasomotor symptoms in postmenopausal women and in cancer patients receiving hormone therapy, a position she has held since September 2020. She has served on the QUE Board of Directors since July 2019. Dr. Cherrington is an experienced life science executive with extensive insight in bringing drugs into the clinic and through to commercialization. She has been a key contributor to the successful development of multiple FDA-approved products, including SUTENT®, PALLADIA®, VISTIDE®, VIREAD®, and HEPSERA®.

Dr. Cherrington has previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of several oncology companies including Arch Oncology, Revitope Oncology, Zenith Epigenetics, and Pathway Therapeutics. In addition, she served as President and Executive Vice President, R&D, at Phenomix Corporation, a diabetes and antiviral company. Earlier in her career, Dr. Cherrington was Vice President of Preclinical and Clinical Research at SUGEN, a Pharmacia/Pfizer company. Dr. Cherrington began her career at Gilead Sciences, where she held a range of positions of increasing responsibility.

Dr. Cherrington holds a B.S. in biology and an M.S. in microbiology from the University of California, Davis. She earned a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from the University of Minnesota and Stanford University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Cherrington is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Clearity Foundation and is an advisor in entrepreneurship initiatives at CLS, UC San Francisco, UC Davis and Equalize 2020 and 2021. Currently, she serves on the Boards of Sardona Therapeutics, Rakovina Therapeutics, KisoJi Biotechnology, QUE Oncology, and Mirati Therapeutics.

About Vaxart

Vaxart is a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing a range of oral recombinant vaccines based on its proprietary delivery platform. Vaxart vaccines are designed to be administered using tablets that can be stored and shipped without refrigeration and eliminate the risk of needle-stick injury. Vaxart believes that its proprietary tablet vaccine delivery platform is suitable to deliver recombinant vaccines, positioning the company to develop oral versions of currently marketed vaccines and to design recombinant vaccines for new indications. Vaxart's development programs currently include tablet vaccines designed to protect against coronavirus, norovirus, seasonal influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), as well as a therapeutic vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV), Vaxart's first immuno-oncology indication. Vaxart has filed broad domestic and international patent applications covering its proprietary technology and creations for oral vaccination using adenovirus and TLR3 agonists.

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