Aastrom Chief Scientific Officer Ronnda Bartel, PhD, to Present at the Cell Therapy Commercialization Summit

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 16, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:ASTM), the leading developer of patient-specific, expanded multicellular therapies for the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases, today announced that Ronnda Bartel, PhD, the company's chief scientific officer, will be a featured presenter at the Cell Therapy Commercialization Summit to be held September 19-21, 2011, in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Bartel will present an overview of ixmyelocel-T, the company's patient-specific, expanded multicellular therapy currently in Phase 3 development for the treatment of critical limb ischemia and in Phase 2 clinical trials for the treatment of dilated cardiomyopathy.

Dr. Bartel's presentation will take place on Monday, September 19, 2011. More than 200 leading experts in the cell therapy industry are expected to attend the Cell Therapy Commercialization Summit. The meeting includes presentations on clinical research and clinical development programs, cell therapy manufacturing and commercialization.

About Aastrom Biosciences

Aastrom Biosciences is developing patient-specific, expanded multicellular therapies for use in the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases. The company's proprietary cell-processing technology enables the manufacture of ixmyelocel-T, a patient-specific multicellular therapy expanded from a patient's own bone marrow and delivered directly to damaged tissues. Aastrom has advanced ixmyelocel-T into late-stage clinical development, including a planned Phase 3 clinical program to study patients with critical limb ischemia and two Phase 2 clinical trials in patients with dilated cardiomyopathy. For more information, please visit Aastrom's website at www.aastrom.com.

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