



Webcast Alert: Aastrom to Report Fourth Quarter and Year-End 2011 Operating Results on Monday, March 12, 2012

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 9, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:ASTM), the leading developer of patient-specific, expanded multicellular therapies for the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases, announces the following webcast:

What: Aastrom Biosciences, Inc., Fourth Quarter and Year-End 2011 Operating Results

When: Monday, March 12, 2012 at 4:30 pm (EDT)

Where: <http://investors.aastrom.com/events.cfm>

How:

-- The conference call will be available live in the Investors section of the Aastrom website at <http://investors.aastrom.com/events.cfm>. Please access the site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to download the required audio software if necessary.

-- To participate in the live call by telephone, please call (877) 312-5881 and reference Aastrom Biosciences fourth quarter 2011 investor conference call. If calling from outside the U.S., please use the international phone number (253) 237-1173. The conference ID is 48237558.

If you are unable to participate during the live call, the webcast will be available at <http://investors.aastrom.com/events.cfm> until March 12, 2013. A replay of the call will also be available until 11:59 pm (EDT) on March 16, 2012 by calling (855) 859-2056, or from outside the U.S. at (404) 537-3406. The conference ID is 48237558.

About Aastrom Biosciences

Aastrom Biosciences is the leader in developing patient-specific, expanded multicellular therapies for use in the treatment of patients with 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 Phase 3 clinical program to study patients with critical limb ischemia and a planned Phase 2b clinical trial in patients with ischemic dilated cardiomyopathy. For more information, please visit Aastrom's website at www.aastrom.com. For more information on the pivotal REVIVE Phase 3 clinical trial, please visit the trial website at www.revivecli.com.

The Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3663>

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