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Healthcommunities.com and NexCura Provide Free Treatment Decision Web Tools for Consumers

SEATTLE, WA and CHATHAM, NJ – January 20, 2003 – Healthcommunities.com, Inc., and NexCura, Inc., today announced a strategic alliance to distribute Web-based decision support tools for consumers. Healthcommunities.com now provides NexCura’s Internet-based treatment decision support technology for 20 types of cancer, heart failure, coronary artery disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, atrial fibrillation and **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)**. The technology is offered on several of the Healthcommunities medical specialty websites, including:

- oncologychannel.com
- urologychannel.com
- pulmonologychannel.com
- nephrologychannel.com
- cardiologychannel.com

The NexCura® Disease Profilers use a patient’s clinical profile, including diagnosis and test results, and match individual patients to peer-reviewed clinical research studies. The result is access to relevant treatment options, descriptions of side effects, treatment outcomes and additional questions that patients can discuss with their health care providers. Patients using the tools gain access to patient-specific summaries of the latest published, peer-reviewed studies relevant to their clinical status. The NexCura Disease Profilers also provide another information source for physicians to recommend to patients.

Jeff Mazarella, president of Healthcommunities.com said, “We are pleased that our visitors now have easy access to the country’s leading decision support tools. In addition to our portal users, the patients of physicians who use our customized practice website services are able to access the NexCura tools through their physician’s website.”

"Healthcommunities.com is a particularly good fit for us. Access to our tools via leading health portals and through their physicians' website gives consumers the individually tailored information they require when they need it most – early in the treatment process. Physicians can prescribe the NexCura Disease Profilers to their patients as a part of their patient education and shared decision-making process," said Peter A. Hoover, chief executive officer of NexCura.

About NexCura, Inc

NexCura is a Seattle-based healthcare education and information company that offers patients, caregivers and providers relevant, timely and evidence-based knowledge that is individually tailored to each patient's unique clinical situation, enabling them to make better informed decisions about treatment options and care. The company distributes its services to consumers and providers for free through a network of pre-eminent resource centers, including national patient advocacy groups, payers, providers and health care portals. The core technology, known as the NexCura® Profiler, enables NexCura to provide mission-critical marketing and clinical research data, informatics and communication services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. NexCura has experienced rapid patient adoption and is now serving over 200,000 new registered patients annually in oncology, cardiovascular and pulmonary disease. For information about NexCura visit <http://www.nexcura.com>.

About Healthcommunities.com, Inc.

Healthcommunities.com, Inc., a privately held company founded in 1998, develops innovative resources for health care consumers and professionals. The company's medical specialty Web channels, in partnership with leading pharmaceutical and medical technology companies, serve health care consumers searching for reliable information. Healthcommunities.com is a Physician Developed and Monitored® online community providing medical information and resources in a trusted environment.

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