Ovation Pharmaceuticals Proudly Supports National Rare Disease Day

Mayor Richard M. Daley Proclaims February 28th as Rare Disease Day in Chicago

DEERFIELD, Ill., February 25, 2009 – Chicago-based OVATION Pharmaceuticals, Inc., one of the pharmaceutical industry’s leaders in developing medications for rare diseases, is proud to join the Honorable Mayor Richard M. Daley and a nationwide coalition of patient organizations, professional societies, government agencies, medical researchers, and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in recognizing Saturday, February 28 as Rare Disease Day. Rare Disease Day, coordinated by the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), is intended to bring together patients and families with rare diseases to discuss the need for greater awareness, more research, and better access to diagnosis and treatment.

“Individuals and families living with rare diseases face unique challenges as they seek to learn more about their disease and potential treatment options, in addition to finding health care professionals with the specialized expertise they require,” said Jeffrey S. Aronin, OVATION President and Chief Executive Officer. “At OVATION, we are committed to supporting the rare disease community and doing all that we can to provide new therapeutic options to individuals facing these often life-threatening and disabling diseases. We are proud of the many rare disease therapies we have developed, including products for chorea associated with Huntington’s disease and rare childhood cancers, and our ability to offer pharmaceutical options around the world. Over the next few years, we look forward to introducing additional therapies from our development pipeline that address rare and devastating epilepsies.”

Earlier this month, Mayor Daley proclaimed Saturday, February 28 as Rare Disease Day in Chicago. Rare Disease Day was launched in 2008 in Europe by the European Rare Disease Organization, EURORDIS, a sister organization to NORD, and this year is being observed for the first time in multiple countries including the United States, Canada, Australia, and China. Activities sponsored as part of Rare Disease Day include a nationwide network of online videos, patient stories and blogs; newspaper, radio, and television reports; state and municipal proclamations; a Rare Disease Hall of Fame for researchers; and other activities designed to raise
awareness of what it means to have a rare disease. To learn more about these activities and how to get involved, please visit www.rarediseaseday.org.

**About Rare Diseases**

There are approximately seven thousand rare diseases or conditions affecting an estimated 30 million Americans.\(^1\) Individuals with rare diseases often face challenges that occur less frequently with more common disorders, including difficulty in finding medical experts, delay in receiving an accurate diagnosis, and access to few, if any, treatment options. In the United States, rare diseases, also referred to as “orphan diseases”, are defined as diseases that affect fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States.

**About OVATION Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

OVATION is a fast growing biopharmaceutical company that develops and commercializes medically necessary therapies to satisfy unmet medical needs for patients with severe illnesses. Headquartered in Deerfield, Ill., with products available in more than 85 countries, OVATION is committed to having a significant impact on patients’ lives through its focus on central nervous system (CNS), hematology/oncology, and hospital-based therapies. The five new launches the company expects over the next three years will be fueled largely by its late-stage CNS pipeline, which is one of the most robust in the industry. OVATION has been recognized for excellence in the global pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries with the 2006 and 2007 “Pharma Company of the Year” award from Scrip magazine for small to mid-sized enterprises. More information about the company, its products and full prescribing information may be found at www.ovationpharma.com.

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