NextCure Appoints Dr. Rakesh Dixit to Scientific Advisory Board

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BELTSVILLE, Md., April 04, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NextCure, Inc. (Nasdaq: NXTC), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company committed to discovering and developing novel, first-in-class and best-in-class therapies to treat cancer, today announced the appointment of Rakesh Dixit, PhD, to its Scientific Advisory Board. As an accomplished product developer whose expertise is focused on antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs), Dr. Dixit will support NextCure in its efforts to build and develop its proprietary ADCs, including LNCB74 directed to B7-H4.

“We are delighted to have Dr. Dixit join our Scientific Advisory Board, where he will leverage his exceptional experience in developing antibody-drug conjugates,” said Solomon Langermann, PhD, NextCure’s chief scientific officer. “Rakesh is a world authority on ADCs and has an incredible record of researching and developing them. His expertise will be indispensable as we advance our LNCB74 program and identify new targets for ADCs.”

Dr. Dixit currently serves as President and CEO of Bionavigen, a biopharmaceutical company specializing in consulting and drug hunting for biologic, cell and gene therapy and small molecule drug development. He is also President and CSO of Regio Biosciences, an AstraZeneca spinoff company. Dr. Dixit is an accomplished executive, inventor, and scientist with over 30 years of success with top biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, including Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Medimmune, and AstraZeneca. He was a key contributor to successful approval of biotherapeutics, including five biologics (including antibodies and immunotoxins) and four small molecule pharmaceuticals. He was honored in 2020 by the World ADC Forum with its most prestigious award of Long-Standing Contributor to ADCs.

About NextCure, Inc.
NextCure is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company that is focused on advancing innovative medicines that treat cancer patients that do not respond to, or have disease progression on, current therapies, through the use of differentiated mechanisms of actions including antibody-drug conjugates, antibodies and proteins. We focus on advancing therapies that leverage our core strengths in understanding biological pathways and biomarkers, the interactions of cells, including in the tumor microenvironment, and the role each interaction plays in a biologic response.
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Statements made in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Words such as “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “hope,” “forward” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements in this press release include, among others, statements about NextCure’s plans, objectives, and intentions with respect to the discovery of immunomedicine targets and the discovery and development of immunomedicines. Forward-looking statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statement. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others: our limited operating history and no products approved for commercial sale; our history of significant losses; our need to obtain additional financing; risks related to clinical development, including that early clinical data may not be confirmed by later clinical results; risks that pre-clinical research may not be confirmed in clinical trials; risks related to marketing approval and commercialization; and the unproven approach to the discovery and development of product candidates based on our FIND-IO platform. More detailed information on these and additional factors that could affect NextCure’s actual results are described in NextCure’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including NextCure’s most recent Form 10-K and subsequent Form 10-Q. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. NextCure assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, even if expectations change.

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