



Pacira Highlights New NOPAIN Act Survey Data Conducted by Voices for Non-Opioid Choices

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BRISBANE, Calif., Feb. 12, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Pacira BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: PCRX), the industry leader in its commitment to deliver innovative, non-opioid pain therapies, today highlighted new survey findings released by the Voices for Non-Opioid Choices (Voices) coalition following the first year of the Non-Opioids Prevent Addiction ("NOPAIN") Act.

Made up of more than 250 organizations dedicated to preventing opioid addiction before it starts, Voices is the nation's leading nonpartisan coalition dedicated to ensuring patient access to non-addictive pain management approaches

Data were gathered from a national awareness, trial, and usage (ATU) survey of nearly 750 hospitals, health systems, and ambulatory surgery center (ASC) directors of pharmacy, medical directors, surgeons, and anesthesiologists. Results illustrate the early impacts of the NOPAIN Act, which went into effect on January 1, 2025, with key highlights including:

- Eighty-five percent of facility representatives surveyed were aware of the legislation, and more than half (52 percent) of facilities surveyed had taken steps to increase utilization of qualifying non-opioid options.
- More than 80 percent of those surveyed reported that the legislation has decreased opioid prescribing immediately after surgery (83 percent) and at discharge (88 percent); and
- The majority of respondents report changing perioperative and postoperative pain management protocols (52 and 51 percent, respectively) to increase the use of non-opioids and decrease the use of opioids.

"The NOPAIN Act is a pivotal step forward for patients and for Pacira's mission," said Frank D. Lee, Chief Executive Officer at Pacira. "We are already seeing clear evidence that this policy is providing an important catalyst for expanding access to safe, effective non-opioid pain management options for Medicare patients, with commercial payers increasingly recognizing the value and following suit."

"We are very encouraged to see the NOPAIN Act delivering on its core promise of reducing our reliance on opioids in the postsurgical setting," said Chris Fox, Executive Director of Voices for Non-Opioid Choices. "By reducing our overreliance on prescription opioids, we can prevent opioid addiction and save lives. We remain committed to working alongside providers, patients, and facilities to advance access to non-opioid options, and look forward to consistently tracking the growing impact of this important reimbursement policy."

Signed into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, the NOPAIN Act sought to prevent opioid addiction by increasing access to qualifying non-opioid pain management options for Medicare beneficiaries undergoing surgery in ASC and hospital outpatient department settings.

For more information on the ATU, including the complete results, [click here](#).

About Pacira

Pacira delivers innovative, non-opioid pain therapies to transform the lives of patients. Pacira has three commercial-stage non-opioid treatments: EXPAREL® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension), a long-acting local analgesic currently approved for infiltration, fascial plane block, and as an interscalene brachial plexus nerve block, an adductor canal nerve block, and a sciatic nerve block in the popliteal fossa for postsurgical pain management; ZILRETTA® (triamcinolone acetonide extended-release injectable suspension), an extended-release, intra-articular injection indicated for the management of osteoarthritis knee pain; and iovera®, a novel, handheld device for delivering immediate, long-acting, drug-free pain control using precise, controlled doses of cold temperature to a targeted nerve. The company is also advancing a pipeline of clinical-stage assets for musculoskeletal pain and adjacencies, its most advanced product candidate, PCRX-201 (enekenragene inzadenovec), a novel locally administered gene therapy, is in Phase 2 clinical development for osteoarthritis of the knee. To learn more about Pacira, visit www.pacira.com.

About Voices for Non-Opioid Choices

Voices for Non-Opioid Choices is a nonpartisan coalition dedicated to preventing opioid addiction before it starts by increasing patient and provider access to non-opioid therapies and approaches to manage acute pain. For more information, visit www.nonopioidchoices.org.

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These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. These factors include the matters discussed and referenced in the "Risk Factors" of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other filings that we periodically make with the SEC.

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