



## Athira Pharma to Host Educational Webinar on Targeting HGF/MET: A Naturally Occurring Neuronal Repair Pathway

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- *Featuring leading neurologist Marwan Sabbagh, M.D*
- *Webinar to be held Thursday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m. PT / 4:30 p.m. ET*

BOTHELL, Wash., April 08, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Athira Pharma, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: ATHA), a late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing small molecules to restore neuronal health and stop neurodegeneration, today announced that it will host an educational webinar on targeting HGF/MET, a naturally occurring, neuronal repair pathway. The live webinar event will be on Thursday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m. PT / 4:30 p.m.ET.

The webinar will feature a discussion with Marwan Sabbagh, M.D., a board-certified neurologist and geriatric neurologist and leading expert in Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Dr. Sabbagh will discuss the current treatment landscape of Alzheimer's disease and dementia; the need for differentiated approaches; and the critical role of the hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) and its receptor, MET (HGF/MET) repair pathway, in mediating brain health and function. Dr. Sabbagh is a member of Athira's Clinical Advisory Board.

Kevin Church, Ph.D., Vice President of Discovery at Athira, will also provide an overview of HGF biology, the translational aspect of the pharmacology and ATH-1017: a small molecule therapeutic candidate designed to enhance the activity of HGF/MET, impact neurodegeneration and regenerate brain tissue. Drs. Sabbagh and Church will also be available to answer questions following the formal presentation.

To register for the webinar, please click [here](#). The live event can be accessed from the investors' section of the Athira website at <https://investors.athira.com/news-and-events/events-and-presentations>. An archived replay will also be available on the company website for at least 30 days following the event.

### **About Athira Pharma, Inc.**

Athira, headquartered in the Seattle area, is a late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing small molecules to restore neuronal health and stop neurodegeneration. Athira aims to provide rapid cognitive improvement and alter the course of neurological diseases with our novel mechanism of action. Athira is currently advancing its lead therapeutic candidate, ATH-1017, a novel small molecule for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's dementia. For more information, visit [www.athira.com](http://www.athira.com). You can also follow Athira on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and @athirapharma on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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