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### **Sunesis to Present at the Cowen and Company 32nd Annual Health Care Conference**

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., February 28th, 2012** – Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNSS) today announced that Daniel Swisher, Chief Executive Officer of Sunesis, will be presenting at the Cowen and Company 32nd Annual Health Care Conference on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 8:40 AM Eastern Time at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, MA.

A live webcast of the presentation will be available on the Sunesis website at <http://ir.sunesis.com>. A replay of the webcast will be archived on the “Calendar of Events” page in the Investors and Media section of the Sunesis website for two weeks.

#### **About Sunesis Pharmaceuticals**

Sunesis is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of new oncology therapeutics for the treatment of solid and hematologic cancers. Sunesis has built a highly experienced cancer drug development organization committed to advancing its lead product candidate, vosaroxin, in multiple indications to improve the lives of people with cancer. For additional information on Sunesis, please visit <http://www.sunesis.com>.

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