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### **Sunesis to Present at Upcoming Investor Conferences**

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., February 21, 2012** – Sunesis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNSS) today announced that the Company will present at two upcoming investor conferences.

Daniel Swisher, Chief Executive Officer of Sunesis, will present at the 2012 Citi Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 1:30 PM Eastern Time at The Waldorf=Astoria in New York City.

Eric Bjerkholt, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Finance at Sunesis will present at the 2012 RBC Global Healthcare Conference on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 11:30 AM Eastern Time at The New York Palace Hotel in New York City.

A live webcast of the presentations will be available on the Sunesis website at <http://ir.sunesis.com>. A replay of the webcasts 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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