Protara Therapeutics Announces Appointment of Jathin Bandari, M.D. as Chief Medical Officer

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NEW YORK, Jan. 10, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Protara Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: TARA), a clinical-stage company developing transformative therapies for the treatment of cancer and rare diseases, today announced the appointment of Jathin Bandari, M.D., as Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Bandari is a practicing urologic oncologist, recently serving at the University of Rochester where he specialized in both minimally invasive urologic oncology and advanced open pelvic retroperitoneal cancer surgery, and where he maintains a faculty appointment. Dr. Bandari joined Protara in April 2020 as Vice President, Head of Clinical Development, and most recently was Interim Chief Medical Officer.

“We are thrilled for Dr. Bandari to expand his role with Protara,” said Jesse Shefferman, Chief Executive Officer of Protara Therapeutics. “His deep experience working with urologic cancer patients is invaluable as we continue to advance our lead product candidate, TARA-002, for the treatment of non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC).”

“Since joining Protara in April 2020, I have been fortunate to work with a talented and innovative team, progressing TARA-002 as a potential therapy for NMIBC, lymphatic malformations, and possibly other cancers,” said Dr. Bandari. “I am thrilled to join this exemplary team as Chief Medical Officer and work to advance transformative therapies for people with cancer and rare diseases.”

Dr. Bandari received his M.D. from Johns Hopkins University and completed his urology residency at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Following residency, he completed a Society of Urologic Oncology fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is an active member of the American Urological Association, Society of Urologic Oncology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, and Southwest Oncology Group. He has over 50 publications, national speakerships, textbooks, and grants.

About Protara Therapeutics, Inc.

Protara is committed to identifying and advancing transformative therapies for people with cancer and rare diseases. Protara’s portfolio includes its lead program, TARA-002, an investigational cell-based therapy being developed for the treatment of non-muscle invasive bladder cancer and lymphatic malformations, and IV Choline Chloride, an investigational phospholipid substrate replacement therapy for the treatment of intestinal failure-associated liver disease. For more information, visit www.protaratx.com.

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