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NEW PATIENT EDUCATION BOOKLET AVAILABLE ON FACIAL SEBORRHEA

FORT WORTH, Texas (February 19, 2003) – Healthpoint, Ltd. today announced the availability of the first educational booklet for patients with seborrheic dermatitis of the face. The new booklet describes this common skin disorder and provides tips for its management and prevention.

An estimated 14 million Americans are affected by seborrheic dermatitis, a chronic, inflammatory skin disorder characterized by moderate erythema, scaling, and itchy or burning eruptions on various locations of the head and body. Healthpoint recently introduced Ovace™ Wash (sodium sulfacetamide 10%), a gentle medicated cleanser for seborrheic dermatitis that can be used as part of the patient's daily facial care routine.

Copies of the booklet, called "Facing Seborrheic Dermatitis," are available free of charge to health professionals by calling 800/441-8227 or writing Healthpoint, Ltd., 3909 Hulen Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Seborrheic dermatitis can develop in males or females at any age, but it is slightly more common in men and has long been considered especially prevalent in babies, the middle aged and the elderly. ALthough the exact cause of the condition remains unknown, e number of potential factors in the development of the skin disorder have been identified, including the *Pityrosporum* yeast, as well as genetic, hormonal and environmental factors, and poor hygiene.

Ovace Wash's active ingredient, sodium sulfacetamide, provides a broad spectrum of activity that includes *Pityrosporum ovale*, as well as both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, allowing for rapid therapeutic outcomes. The convenient, gentle, fragrance-free facial cleanser is designed to simplify the daily treatment and prevention of this common condition.

Ovace features a non-steroidal, non-irritating formulation that is safe to use around the eyes and does not contain sulfur, which tends to cake and leave an unpleasant odor. Women can apply makeup immediately after using the medicated wash, with no additional waiting or drying time.

Ovace Wash is contraindicated in persons with known or unknown hypersensitivity to sulfonamides or to any ingredient of the product. Reports of irritation and hypersensitivity to sodium sulfacetamide are uncommon. Instances of Stevens-Johnson syndrome and systemic lupus erythematosus have been reported with sulfonamides.

Founded in 1992, Healthpoint, Ltd. is a rapidly growing pharmaceutical company that specializes in the research, development and marketing of branded prescription drugs, over-the-counter health care products and medical devices for dermatology, infection prevention and tissue management. More information on Ovace Wash is available by calling 800/441-8227.

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