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**UNITED THERAPEUTICS PROMOTES
JOHN FERRARI TO VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE
AND MELISSA EDWARDS TO CONTROLLER**

Silver Spring, MD, December 31, 2002: United Therapeutics Corporation (NASDAQ: UTHR) announced today the promotions of John Ferrari, CPA to Vice President for Finance and Melissa Edwards, CPA to Controller. Mr. Ferrari and Ms. Edwards previously served as United Therapeutics' Controller and Assistant Controller, respectively.

"I am very pleased to make these promotions," said Fred Hadeed, CPA, United Therapeutics' Chief Financial Officer. "Mr. Ferrari will now take primary responsibility for external financial reporting, including SEC filings, while Ms. Edwards will step into his shoes as Controller. These two individuals, and their fine staffs, have proven themselves to be well-qualified for exciting challenges ahead."

"I am proud to congratulate Mr. Ferrari and Ms. Edwards on their well-deserved promotions, the latest examples of our company's policy to provide outstanding employees with significant career development opportunities," said Martine Rothblatt, Ph.D., Chairman and CEO of United Therapeutics. "These promotions, as well as new accounting staff we have recently hired, provide an excellent platform to enable Mr. Hadeed and myself to focus strategically on 2003 as our first full year of commercial operations following FDA, Israeli and Canadian approvals of our lead drug, Remodulin, during the past several months."

United Therapeutics is a biotechnology company focused on combating cardiovascular, infectious and oncological diseases with unique therapeutic products.

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