

## **National Center for Integrated Dental Sleep Health program**

**June 18**<sup>th</sup> **2012** SomnoMed (ASX: SOM) and Sleep HealthCenters are pleased to announce a partnership to create the National Center for Integrated Dental Sleep Health (NCIDSH) program.

SomnoMed and Sleep HealthCenters launched a new national integrated dental sleep health program at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine and 26th Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Society, LLC (APSS) in Boston last week.

The NCIDSH is a national service that will bring together SomnoMed's dental network and the Sleep Partners® network - a national network of accredited sleep health providers - to diagnose and treat patients suffering from sleep disorders, such as sleep disordered breathing. SomnoMed's dental network consists of approximately 2,000 qualified and experienced dental practices in the treatment of the SomnoDent apnea therapy. SleepPartners® is a national network of nearly 400 sleep medicine centers focused on the comprehensive disease management of sleep disorders.

NCIDSH will provide participating practices and centers with testing, treatment and compliance protocols that meet American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) guidelines. Additionally, participants in the NCIDSH program gain access to a comprehensive set of clinical, operational and administrative support services, along with data analytics and on-going quality assurance and improvement activities.

"Our partnership with Sleep HealthCenters is strategically important as we build our medical department. This program properly associates dentists, sleep medicine centers and physicians in a well-defined, physician driven treatment protocol," said SomnoMed Chairman Dr. Peter Neustadt. "The focus of this program is on evidence based, quality clinical outcomes."

"We are delighted to be partnering with SomnoMed and their national network of quality dentists", said Sleep HealthCenters CEO Paul Valentine. "Sleep HealthCenters is committed to helping these important healthcare providers effectively integrate sleep medicine into their practices to enable clinically-validated screening, diagnosis and treatment services for individuals suffering from sleep disorders."

## **About Sleep HealthCenters**

Sleep HealthCenters is a network of specialized sleep medicine centers accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) and staffed by board-certified sleep specialists. Sleep HealthCenters' specialized sleep labs, clinics and programs provide all the required services needed to screen, diagnose, treat and support patients with sleep disorders. These integrated services enable Sleep HealthCenters to offer patients, employers, referring providers and managed care organizations greater convenience, valuable information and better outcomes.

## **About SomnoMed**

SomnoMed is a public company providing diagnostic and treatment solutions for Sleep-related Breathing Disorders including obstructive sleep apnea, snoring and bruxism. SomnoMed was commercialized on the basis of extensive clinical research. Supporting independent clinical research, continuous innovation and instituting medical manufacturing standards has resulted in SomnoDent® becoming the state-of-the-art and clinically proven medical oral appliance therapy for obstructive sleep apnea. SomnoDent® is the most comfortable and effective design and treatment solution for over 100,000 patients in 22 countries.