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**NIHON KOHDEN AMERICA'S NEUROLOGY DIVISION AWARDED PREMIER
PURCHASING GROUP AGREEMENT FOR POLYSOMNOGRAPHY / NEURODIAGNOSTIC
EQUIPMENT**

Irvine, Calif., March 9, 2010 — Nihon Kohden America, Inc. today announced Premier Purchasing Partners, L.P., the group purchasing unit of Premier, Inc., has awarded Nihon Kohden a new three (3) year Polysomnography / Neurodiagnostic monitoring contract effective May 1, 2010. The agreement is available to all acute care and continuum of care Premier members.

This contract provides Premier members with savings on sleep assessment systems (PSG), electroencephalographs (EEG), electromyographs (EMG), evoked potential units (EP) products, Intra-operative monitoring (IOM) and epilepsy monitoring systems. Nihon Kohden's powerful platform provides a foundation that allows users to monitor sleep disorders and all neurodiagnostic modalities today and in the future. This breadth of product allows customers to standardize on one neurology monitoring partner thereby streamlining patient care, improving outcomes, and reducing costs.

"Nihon Kohden America has had long standing group purchasing agreements with Premier and we are pleased to be awarded this new contract with Premier and its members," states Kathy Hart, Director Neurology Division, NKA. "This confirms Nihon Kohden's position as a market leader in neurodiagnostics and sleep monitoring. Nihon Kohden is committed to product innovation and is dedicated to our corporate partnerships."

Nihon Kohden America was the proud recipient of the 2008 annual Pinnacle Award, presented by the Premier healthcare alliance's Purchasing Partners unit. Nihon Kohden was one of 15 of more than 800 Premier contracted suppliers to receive the award, which recognizes suppliers whose performance meets or exceeds the expectations of Premier and its members as they carry out their missions of meeting the healthcare needs of communities they serve.

About Nihon Kohden America

Nihon Kohden America was founded in 1979 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Nihon Kohden Corporation, Japan (founded in 1951). Nihon Kohden is a market leader in Patient Monitoring, Sleep Assessment, Neurology and Cardiology instrumentation. Our products are distributed to hospitals, physician's practices, mobile services, and outpatient and surgery centers throughout North America. More information about Nihon Kohden can be found at www.nkusa.com.

About Premier Inc., 2006 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient

The [Premier healthcare alliance](#) is more than 2,300 U.S. hospitals and 64,000-plus other healthcare sites working together to improve healthcare quality and affordability. Owned by not-for-profit hospitals, Premier maintains the nation's most comprehensive repository of clinical, financial and outcomes information and operates a leading healthcare purchasing network. A world leader in helping deliver measurable improvements in care, Premier works with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the United Kingdom's National Health Service North West to improve hospital performance. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Premier also has offices in San Diego, Philadelphia and Washington

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