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**NIHON KOHDEN AMERICA'S NEUROLOGY DIVISION AWARED PREMIER
AGREEMENT FOR POLYSOMNOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT**

Irvine, Calif., May 15, 2008 — Nihon Kohden America, Inc. today announced a new agreement with Premier, Inc. for polysomnography equipment and accessories. The 23-month agreement, effective June 1, 2008, is available to acute care and continuum of care members of the Premier healthcare alliance.

Nihon Kohden combines a suite of innovative sleep assessment programs, the latest in PC architecture and a complete line of technologically superior amplifiers, allowing labs to manage and assess patient data, simply, efficiently and with greater accuracy than ever before. Offered in a variety of configurations, our suite of Sleep solutions accommodates the testing requirements of Premier hospital inpatient multidisciplinary labs and their outpatient screening facilities or in-home monitoring sites throughout the U.S.

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

Serving more than 2,000 U.S. hospitals and 50,000 other healthcare sites, the Premier healthcare alliance and its members are transforming healthcare together. Owned by not-for-profit hospitals, Premier operates one of the leading healthcare purchasing networks and the nation's most comprehensive repository of hospital clinical and financial information. A subsidiary operates one of the nation's largest policy-holder owned, hospital professional liability risk-retention groups. A world leader in helping healthcare providers deliver dramatic improvements in care, Premier is working with the United Kingdom's National Health Service North West and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to improve hospital performance. Headquartered in San Diego, Premier has offices in Charlotte, NC, Philadelphia and Washington. For more information, visit www.premierinc.com.

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