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VivoMetrics Appoints Scientific Board of Advisors

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Renowned Experts Will Enhance Company's Clinical, Scientific and Market Expertise

VENTURA, Calif., Jun 12, 2002 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- VivoMetrics Inc. has assembled a distinguished panel of pharmaceutical and clinical researchers, as well as scientific and technical experts to serve as the company's inaugural scientific advisory board. The board's members, many of whom have already been advising VivoMetrics on an informal basis, bring to the company deep expertise in a wide range of clinical and scientific disciplines relevant to the company's hallmark product, the LifeShirt(TM) System. Providing experience from both commercial and academic sectors, the new board will use its knowledge and experience to advise VivoMetrics in the development and marketing of new applications for the LifeShirt System, as well as new products leveraging the company's intellectual property portfolio.

The LifeShirt System is the first non-invasive, continuous ambulatory monitoring system that can collect data on respiratory and cardiac function, other physiological parameters and digital patient diary entries, and correlate them simultaneously and continuously. The system received 510(k) market clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration earlier this year, and was awarded CE Mark certification from the European Union in November 2001. Initial target markets for the LifeShirt System are pharmaceutical clinical trials, home sleep diagnostics and academic research.

"VivoMetrics is fortunate to be working with thought leaders of such stature. Their willingness to join our scientific advisory board is a measure of the better science enabled by the LifeShirt System. Furthermore, because the members of the board are closely representative of our client base, they provide us with valuable insight into how customers want to use the LifeShirt System," said Paul Kennedy, VivoMetrics' president and chief executive officer. "We will also look to them to help us design, conduct and evaluate the results of ongoing clinical validation studies."

Inaugural members of the VivoMetrics scientific advisory board are:

Behavioral Health/Psychiatry

- Donald Klein, M.D. - Director of psychiatric research, New York State Psychiatric Institute; professor of psychiatry, Columbia University; president of the National Foundation for Depressive Illness; and vice president of the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology.
- Frank Wilhelm, Ph.D. - Senior research scholar at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University School of Medicine; and research director of the Laboratory of Clinical Psychopharmacology and Psychophysiology.

Cardiovascular Research/Pulmonology

- Paul Grossman, Ph.D. - Director, Freiburg Institute of Mindfulness Research (Freiburg, Germany); lecturer and adjunct professor, Department of Psychology, University of Freiburg; Senior and Principal Investigator, Cardiovascular Research Laboratory, Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged Research and Training Institute; Harvard Medical School (Boston).

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-- Marvin Sackner, M.D. - Noted pulmonologist; past president of the American Thoracic Society; professor of medicine at the University of Miami at Mount Sinai; and past chairman of the Pulmonary Disease Subspecialty Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Sackner invented and patented respiratory inductive plethysmography, recognized as a gold standard, for monitoring respiratory function and detecting and classifying sleep apneas on which the LifeShirt System's respiratory sensors are based.

Pediatrics

-- Chris Landon, M.D. - Pediatric Pulmonologist, director of pediatrics, Ventura County Medical Center (Ventura, Calif.); director, Pediatric Diagnostic Center (Ventura, Calif.); director, Mandalay Bay Children's Center (Oxnard, Calif.); former clinical assistant professor of family practice and pediatrics, University of California, Los Angeles; and former clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, University of Southern California.

Pharmaceutical Research

-- Kim David Lamon, M.D., Ph.D. - President, SciPharma Consulting LLC; past corporate senior vice president and group president, Covance Clinical and Periapproval Services Inc.; past executive vice president and chief medical officer, Corning Clinical Laboratories (now Quest); past senior vice president, Science and Technology, Corning Life Sciences; and past senior vice president, clinical research and development, and executive medical director, Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Pharmaceuticals (now Aventis).

Sleep

-- Wallace Mendelson, M.D., - Professor of psychiatry and medicine, and former director of the Sleep Research Laboratory, the University of Chicago; former director of the Sleep Disorders Center, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation; and former director of the Center for the Study of Sleep and Waking, Department of Psychiatry, State University of New York at Stony Brook.

About the LifeShirt System

VivoMetrics' LifeShirt(TM) System provides customized, ambulatory patient data never before available to clinicians and pharmaceutical researchers. Showcasing an advanced, proprietary respiratory monitoring technology, an integrated electronic patient diary and other patient-monitoring sensors including ECG and motion detectors, the system's comfortable, washable LifeShirt collects and records continuous physiologic data while wearers go about their everyday lives. Data are then processed by VivoLogic software and presented in a practical, customizable, easy-to-interpret format. Using data from the LifeShirt System, clinicians and researchers gain a clear view of how various physiologic parameters correlate with one another over time, giving them a more thorough understanding of patients' health.

About VivoMetrics

Founded in 1999, VivoMetrics is a privately held company that provides continuous ambulatory monitoring products and services for the collection, analysis and reporting of patient-specific physiologic data. The company's offerings, based on proprietary, field-tested technologies, have the potential to change the way clinical research is conducted and medicine is practiced. On the Net: www.vivometrics.com

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