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NIHON KOHDEN AMERICA'S NEUROLOGY DIVISION AWARDED HEALTHTRUST PURCHASING

GROUP AGREEMENT FOR NEURODIAGNOSTIC AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

Irvine, Calif., August 26, 2009 — Nihon Kohden America, Inc. today announced a three-year agreement with HealthTrust Purchasing Group for Neurodiagnostic and Polysomnography Monitoring systems. Under this agreement HealthTrust will provide member access to sleep assessment systems (PSG), electroencephalographs (EEG), electromyographs (EMG), evoked potential units (EP) products, Intra-operative monitoring (IOM) and epilepsy monitoring systems.

For more than 50 years, health care providers worldwide have relied on the quality and reliability of Nihon Kohden's comprehensive and innovative line of neuro-diagnostic and neuro-monitoring instrumentation to aid in the diagnosis, information and treatment of their patients.

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 HealthTrust Purchasing Group

HealthTrust Purchasing Group, headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn., is a group purchasing organization that supports nearly 1,400 not-for-profit and for-profit acute care facilities, as well as ambulatory surgery centers, physician practices, and alternate care sites. With an annual purchasing volume by its members of more than \$15 billion, HealthTrust is committed to obtaining the best price for clinically-recommended products, ensuring their timely delivery and continuously evaluating and improving its services to the patients, physicians and clinicians it serves. HealthTrust is located at 155 Franklin Road, Suite 400, Brentwood, TN 37027. The Web site is www.healthtrustpg.com.

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