



Press Release

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Siesta Medical Launches the Revolution™ Suture Passer

Los Gatos, CA (March 2, 2015) – Siesta Medical, Inc. (Private), a leading provider of innovative and minimally invasive surgical implants and tools for obstructive sleep apnea, announced the launch of its Revolution™ Suture Passer, designed for use with its Encore™ System. With the Encore and Revolution, Siesta offers the premier adjustable and precisely controllable surgical system for hyoid suspension to the mandible (hyo-mandibular suspension).

Hyo-mandibular suspension is the emerging front line surgical treatment for sleep apnea airway obstructions behind the tongue base. Hyo-mandibular suspension, which can be performed alone or in combination with other surgical procedures, has been shown in numerous clinical trials to improve and save the lives of sleep apnea sufferers. The procedure is fully reversible and one of the most effective minimally invasive treatments for tongue base obstructions.

The hyoid is a horseshoe-shaped bone integrated with the airway just below the base of the tongue. Hyo-mandibular suspension works by pulling this bone forward, which broadens and stabilizes the airway.

Dr. Michael Abidin, with over 20 years of sleep surgery experience, stated, “It seems unfortunate to me that only a handful of hyo-mandibular suspensions are performed each year. There are millions of Americans with diagnosed, symptomatic sleep apnea that do not use CPAP therapy. These people put themselves at high risk not treating their sleep apnea. Patients who get a hyo-mandibular suspension procedure feel better, snore less, and have large drops in their sleep apnea severity. Plus, it is a simple, cost effective, fully reversible procedure that can be mastered by nearly all otolaryngologists and routinely performed in about 30 minutes.”

Siesta’s Revolution Suture Passer and Encore System simplify and improve hyo-mandibular suspension, making it a quick and repeatable minimally invasive treatment for sleep apnea.

“With the Encore and Revolution in 30 minutes I can complete the exact hyo-mandibular suspension I desire for a patient. My own results have shown a tremendous therapy response, as good or better than much more invasive, complicated, or expensive interventions. Surgeons are only now beginning to understand that a hyo-mandibular suspension alone accomplishes a tremendous amount in stabilizing the airway,”

commented Dr. Jason Van Tassel, an expert in sleep apnea surgery at Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea

Obstructive sleep apnea is a major health problem in the United States. An estimated 23 million people in United States have moderate to severe sleep apnea (Harvard Medical School, *The Price of Fatigue*, December 2010), which is characterized by frequent awakening during sleep, heavy snoring and daytime sleepiness. If left untreated, sleep apnea increases the risk for cardiovascular disease, including hypertension and heart failure. Despite its prevalence and role as a cardiovascular risk factor, sleep apnea remains largely under diagnosed and treated.

Surgical therapy for sleep apnea provides an important and effective alternative for those patients who are not compliant or have difficulty with CPAP therapy. Similar to CPAP, surgical therapy reduces the increased morbidity and risk of death associated with untreated sleep apnea (Weaver, *Sleep* 2004;27:A208, Marti, *Eur Resp J* 2002;20:1511-18).

The Encore™ System & Revolution™ Suture Passer

The Encore System is used in minimally invasive surgical procedures where the hyoid bone and/or tongue are suspended forward with the intent of preventing the tongue from blocking the airway during sleep. The Revolution Suture Passer is designed to allow fast and minimally invasive suture passing including around the hyoid bone. These procedures are performed by Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists, also known as Otolaryngologists, and typically take 30 minutes to perform.

About Siesta Medical

Siesta Medical is a privately held, medical device company providing minimally invasive implants and tools for obstructive sleep apnea.

For more information about Siesta Medical please visit our website at www.siestamedical.com

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