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The NYU College of Dentistry Hosts Conference to Spread Awareness of Sleep Apnea in Children

EXPERTS SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE:

Karen Bonuck, Ph.D.: Is a professor of family and social medicine and of obstetrics and gynecology and Women's Health at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Bonuck studies the epidemiology of pediatric sleep problems and their functional effects, particularly in children with developmental disabilities/delays. Her March 2012 Pediatrics article reported a 50 percent increased risk of social/emotional and behavioral problems among children with early symptoms of sleep disordered breathing. She will be discussing her September 2012 study.

Philip Cooper, D.D.S: Is Co-Founder, Chief Investigator for "Smiles Are Meaningful, Inc.," a research organization which focuses on the impact of sleep apnea on growth and development in African American Children. He is the author of, "Why? African American Children Cannot Read." The focus of Coopers' lecture includes: neurobehavioral implications of SDB, exploring the neurological co-morbidities; medical/biological and social/economical, resulting from poor sleep regimens and the "Critical Period" in 3 to 5 year olds' brain development.

William M. Hang, D.D.S, M.S.D: Is an international speaker on the biobloc technique, orthodontics, the posterior airway space, facial esthetics, and obstructive sleep apneas' relationship to facial development. Dr. Hang will present treatment methods to develop the face forward for growing individuals and to reverse previous retractive orthodontics in adults – the new paradigm to improve the facial balance and the airway.

Ofer Jacobowitz, M.D., Ph.D. FA.A.S.M, F.A.A.OA: Graduated from MIT with an SB degree in life sciences, Ph.D., in Pharmacology and an MD degree from Mount Sinai. Board certified in otolaryngology, head, neck Surgery and sleep medicine. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and of the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. Dr. Jacobowitz is Chair of the sleep-related breathing disorders section of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. He will be discussing, inflammation, swelling and sleep in children: The ENT Perspective.

Marc Richard Moeller, B.A.: Is Managing Director at the Academy of Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy. He will be teaching on how the assessment and treatment of functional and postural disorders of the tongue, lips and other structures by an orofacial myologist is an essential component of a team approach.

Stephen H. Sheldon, D.O., F.A.A.P: Is a professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine and Director of Sleep Medicine Center at the Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Sheldons' topic of discussion will be the physiological basis of upper airway obstruction in the pediatric patient; and the traditional treatment for these conditions.