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Improving Health: Newly Accredited Dental Facility in East Setauket Offers a Better Night's Sleep

American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine Recognizes Local Office for Excellence

(East Setauket, New York) September 5, 2017 – A local dental facility is helping East Setauket-area residents get a more restful night's sleep. Long Island Dentistry P.L.L.C. recently received facility accreditation from the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine (AADSM), joining an elite group of centers around the nation recognized for proficiency, professionalism and procedural excellence regarding the treatment of patients with sleep apnea and sleep-disordered breathing.

The AADSM is the only non-profit national professional society dedicated exclusively to the practice of dental sleep medicine. Dental sleep medicine focuses on the management of snoring and obstructive sleep apnea through the use of oral appliance therapy – an effective alternative treatment for patients who prefer it to CPAP. Once a patient is diagnosed with OSA by a board-certified sleep physician, a dentist trained in dental sleep medicine can provide treatment with oral appliance therapy.

“The accreditation program was developed to define excellence in dental sleep medicine,” said Harold Smith, DDS, president of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. “Patients and referring physicians can have peace-of-mind when working with an accredited facility, knowing that the facility has proven, recognized excellence in every aspect of care.”

In order to become accredited, facilities must meet quality measures outlined in the AADSM's *Standards for Accreditation of Dental Sleep Medicine Facilities*. These standards detail expectations for the proficiency of a facility's dental director and staff; practice of policies and procedures to oversee the acceptance, documentation and billing of patients; and professionalism of consumer care, follow-up, service and safety.

“Physicians and dentists can work together to provide effective, alternative treatment options for sleep apnea patients,” said Dr. Smith. “Physicians looking for distinguished dental partners should consult the AADSM website to find an accredited facility in their area.”

For the newly-accredited Long Island Dentistry P.L.L.C. of East Setauket, the program represents an opportunity to distinguish the facility and increase local understanding and acceptance of dental sleep medicine.

“Our team is dedicated to our patients in the East Setauket area and we are so proud to be recognized for the high level of quality care we provide,” said Ira D. Koepfel, D.D.S., dental director of Long Island Dentistry P.L.L.C.. “The accreditation also serves as a great tool for us as we continue to educate those with obstructive sleep apnea and their physicians about the treatments and relief we can provide.”

Long Island Dentistry P.L.L.C. is located at 126 Gnarled Hollow Rd. East Setauket, NY 11733. Patients with loud snoring and diagnosed sleep apnea sufferers with difficulty tolerating CPAP should contact Dr. Ira D. Koepfel, D.D. S. 631-318-0000 to schedule a free consultation, or visit longislandsleepapnea.com to learn more.

About The American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine

The American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine (AADSM) is the only non-profit national professional society dedicated exclusively to the practice of dental sleep medicine. The AADSM provides educational resources for dentists and promotes the use of oral appliance therapy for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea and sleep-disordered breathing. Established in 1991, the AADSM has over 3,000 member dentists worldwide. Visit www.aadsm.org or call the national office at (630) 737-9705 for more information.