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## New Transcend Options Launched

MINNEAPOLIS (October 25, 2011) – Somnetics International Inc., the Minneapolis-based maker of Transcend®, is changing the way CPAP therapy is delivered. Transcend, the world’s smallest, lightest, and most portable continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) and battery system, today announced the introduction of new options and accessories that make Transcend the industry’s most flexible CPAP system for hassle-free travel and home use.

The new Transcend Sleep Apnea Therapy Starter System™ and new options for Waterless Humidification™ and battery systems were unveiled at the [Medtrade conference October 24-27 at the Georgia World Conference Center in Atlanta.](#)

Clarence Johnson, CEO and president of Somnetics International, Inc., said “Transcend really is changing the way CPAP therapy is delivered. Transcend is the first in the industry with the new features and options that bring unparalleled portability and flexibility for users. These innovative features are a result of listening to CPAP users who want flexibility both in how they use it and where. In the process, we created a new revenue source for the DME market.”

The Transcend Sleep Apnea Therapy Starter System includes the Transcend CPAP, Universal Hose Adaptor, standard six-foot hose (compatible with any mask), universal AC power supply, travel bag and user guides. Also new are two Waterless Humidification systems, two lightweight and portable battery options, and an optional docking station.

### **Flexible: Wear it or dock it anywhere**

Transcend is the only CPAP that can be worn as a complete, compact unit, or used as a traditional system compatible with any mask via the new Universal Hose Adaptor and standard six-foot hose. The six foot hose options can be mounted on the new optional docking station or placed on or near the bed. Waterless Humidification makes this CPAP system even more convenient and hassle free and the new battery options enable use anywhere or when power is not available or during a power outage.

## **Waterless Humidification: Innovation meets convenience in a CPAP industry first**

The new Transcend Waterless Humidification systems harness innovative proprietary heat moisture exchange (HME) technology that eliminates the hassles of traditional heated humidifiers. HME technology has been used in hospital ventilation therapy for more than 50 years, and this is the first time it is being utilized in CPAP therapy.

Transcend's Waterless Humidification systems are available as either a wearable or bedside option. The hygienic HME is disposable and captures the moisture from the patient's exhaled breath then releases the captured heat and moisture back to the patient as they inhale to provide the humidification they need. No electric heating elements or water trays are needed eliminating clutter, cleaning, distilled water, break downs and malfunctions. Transcend's Waterless Humidification systems are simple, natural and effective solutions to the traditional heated humidifier.

## **Smallest, lightest and most portable – even the batteries**

Transcend is the smallest and lightest CPAP. It is so small it fits in the palm of a hand and weighs less than one pound. Lightweight, long-life battery systems, including the Overnight Battery System™ and the Multi-Night Battery System™, provide reliable power in remote locations and during power outages, make Transcend the CPAP choice for home and travel. The battery and complete CPAP system fit in a small travel bag, taking up significantly less space than other CPAPs on the market.

For information about Transcend visit [www.mytranscend.com](http://www.mytranscend.com) or call 877-621-9626.

## **About Somnetics**

Somnetics is a privately-held medical device company based in Minneapolis, Minn. It is an emerging leader in customer-driven design, development and production of respiratory medical devices to treat sleep apnea and related issues. Somnetics' mission is focused on integrating technology, customer input and employee creativity to provide innovative, high quality products that improve quality of life for people with respiratory disorders. It received FDA market clearance for the Transcend CPAP machine in July 2010. Transcend is protected by several issued and pending US and foreign patents.