

Dr. Sheets in the Omaha World Herald

Dr. Sheets was recently featured in the Omaha World Herald spreading awareness about sleep apnea and sharing the benefits or oral appliance therapy. Click here to read the article.



Patient Spotlight: Joseph B.

"My choice for sleep apnea treatment with oral appliances. A resource also for my teaching dental students" - Joseph B.

Objective Oral Appliance Therapy Results:

Pre-Treatment AHI: 33.5 Post Treatment AHI: 9.7

Subjective Oral Appliance Therapy Results:

Philips Recall Pushed into 2023

Philips Respironics now expects to complete 90% of its replacements <u>by the end of 2022</u>, which will push the recall completion to 2023. <u>The FDA recommended</u> that they prioritize replacement based on patient vulnerability and that they also provide replacement status. Philips' website has now been updated to reflect both of these recommendations. This is where patients can check the status of their replacement: <u>click here.</u>

As a dentist-owned practice, we cannot and do not diagnose or direct care. When patients have called our office to ask what they should do with a recalled unit, we reiterate that their first step needs to be that they <u>register their unit</u> so they can get in queue for a replacement once available. Once they do that, our second recommendation is that they talk with their primary care provider for direction on care. Here are the options we have provided to them to consider for that discussion:

- Continue to use the CPAP as-is.
- Consider getting an Rx for a travel CPAP, which can be purchased online.
- Consider an oral appliance. From what we have seen and heard, insurance
 companies are not covering a switch in treatment due to the recall, so we are
 offering an oral appliance that isn't quite as durable as a typical oral appliance we'd
 provide, but it is still custom-fit, FDA approved, comes with a 2 year warranty, and is
 tested for efficacy.

Please <u>let us know</u> how we can help your patients continue to receive treatment for their sleep apnea during this recall/shortage.

Philips recall notification
Philips clinical information for physicians and providers
Clinical Practice Guidelines for Oral Appliance Therapy
OAT Fact Sheet
OAT Evidence Brief





We Make It Easy To Partner

Both diagnosed and non-diagnosed patients may be referred.

We are Omaha's first and only one-stop shop for sleep. We know how complicated treating sleep disorders can be for both providers and patients and it is our goal to streamline the entire process for everyone involved. With that in mind, we are able to offer or guide: 1) Home Sleep Testing 2) CPAPs, and 3) Oral Appliances. Along with our dedicated dental sleep team, we work with Sleep Physicians for direction on patient care.

We want you to know that if you have a patient that you suspect has sleep apnea or has struggled with prescribed treatment, we will take great care of them.

Patients can be referred directly through our <u>website</u>, or you can <u>fax a referral</u> to us at 1-877-811-8129.

If you'd like any paper screening tools, business cards from our office, or would like to coordinate a time to speak with one of our providers, please connect with Brea at brea@whywesnore.com or 402-996-0387.



** Know that we are in-network with medical insurance, including Medicare and Tricare. Those with Medicare supplement plans typically have low or no out-of-pocket costs. All patients know what their out of pockets costs will be before moving forward with treatment.

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