Store-A-Tooth Expands Coverage to Oral Surgeons in the Mid Atlantic, Partnering with Cassidy Medical to Offer the Highest Quality in Dental Stem Cell Banking

Cassidy Medical Supply teams up with Provia Labs to offer Store-A-Tooth dental stem cell banking to top oral surgeons in the Mid Atlantic region, announced at AAOMS annual meeting.

Lexington, MA (PRWEB) September 21, 2011 -- Philadelphia-based Cassidy Medical Supply Company, Inc., a leading distributor of allograft dental bone, is partnering with Provia Laboratories, LLC to provide Store-A-Tooth™ dental stem cell preservation services to oral surgery and general dentistry practices in the Mid Atlantic region. The two companies made this announcement last week at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) annual meeting.

“Partnering with Provia Labs and its Store-A-Tooth service provides our company with the unique opportunity to offer our friends in the Oral Surgery community a new and exciting program. We see dental stem cells as the next evolution in regenerative medicine and dentistry and are pleased to team up with Store-A-Tooth, the unquestioned leader in dental stem cell banking,” said Jim Cassidy, Sr., Founder and President, Cassidy Medical Supply.

Cassidy Medical Supply will offer Store-A-Tooth programs to dental practices in the Mid Atlantic region, tapping into Cassidy’s deep expertise in providing leading-edge allograft solutions to dentists and oral surgeons. “We envision that future treatments made possible through dental stem cells will expand the field of dentistry – as well as regenerative medicine – and aligns with our mission of supplying products that enable top oral surgeons to do pioneering work,” says Cassidy.

Dr. Brian M. Smith, head of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Cooper University Hospital with a practice in Sewell, NJ sees the potential for dental stem cells to bring innovation to the dental profession as well as new care options for patients. “I believe dental stem cell research could result in a broad range of medical and dental benefits, as discoveries in the laboratory lead to new therapies in everyday practice, making regenerative dentistry and medicine a standard of care. Our job as oral surgeons is to help make this vision a reality.”

Dental stem cells have the potential to be used in both dental and medical applications, and have already been used to regenerate alveolar jaw bone and to treat periodontal disease in human studies. Similar to cord blood stem cells (in clinical use today to treat leukemia and blood-related cancers), dental stem cells are being studied by researchers to see how they could someday play a role in treating conditions such as diabetes, spinal cord injury, stroke, heart attack and neurological diseases like Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s. In fact, new research has shown that dental stem cells can be transformed into islet-like cell aggregates which produce insulin in a glucose-dependent manner—a significant step toward eventually developing stem-cell therapies for type 1 (juvenile) diabetes.

Store-A-Tooth™ enables families to collect and save the stem cells in their children’s teeth. Stem cells are found in healthy teeth being extracted, such as wisdom teeth and premolars pulled for orthodontia, as well as baby teeth that are naturally exfoliating. The oral surgeon or dentist places the extracted teeth in a special Tooth Collection kit instead of discarding them as medical waste; the kit is then transported overnight to the Store-A-Tooth lab.
Provia Labs welcomes the partnership with Cassidy Medical Supply, citing their professionalism and more than 50 combined years of experience in the industry. “Provia’s mission is to provide the highest quality across all facets of dental stem cell banking – from our FDA-approved, ADA-accepted tooth transport device Save-A-Tooth®, to our easy-to-use program of patient education and practice tools, to the advanced QC testing done by our AABB-accredited, FDA-registered and CLIA-certified lab. We look for a partner who is equally committed to quality, as is evident by the fact that Cassidy Medical only distributes allografts from AATB-accredited sources,” said Howard Greenman, CEO of Provia Laboratories.

Store-A-Tooth was an exhibitor at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) annual meeting, where over 3000 oral surgeons convened Sept 12-17th in Philadelphia. For more information about dental stem cell banking, visit http://www.store-a-tooth.com.

About Cassidy Medical Supply Company
Founded in 1996, Cassidy Medical Supply Company, Inc. is the leading distributor of allograft and other biologics in the Mid Atlantic region, from suppliers who are all certified by the AATB (American Association of Tissue Banks). Cassidy Medical serves more than 100 medical facilities as well as hundreds of practices in the fields of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, General Dentistry, and Periodontics. The staff of Cassidy Medical has more than 50 combined years of experience in the industry, and is committed to providing the highest level of professional service to its clients. Cassidy Medical Supply is based in Philadelphia, PA and can be reached at 215-742-8836 or http://www.cassidy-medical.com.

About Provia Laboratories, LLC
Provia Laboratories, LLC (www.provialabs.com) is a healthcare services company headquartered near Boston, Massachusetts which specializes in high quality biobanking (preservation of biological specimens). The company’s Store-A-Tooth™ service platform enables the collection, transport, processing, and storage of dental stem cells for potential use in future stem-cell therapies. The company advises industrial, academic, and governmental clients on matters related to the preservation of biological specimens for research and clinical use. In addition, Provia offers a variety of products for use in complex biobanking environments to improve sample logistics, security, and quality. Provia Labs is a member of ISBER, the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories. For more information on dental stem cells, visit http://www.store-a-tooth.com or call 1-877-867-5753.

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