



## Media Release

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### Genesis Care Expands Cardiology Model

Australia's largest cardiac services and cancer care organisation, Genesis Care, today announced that it had acquired Queensland Respiratory Laboratories ("QRL"), one of Australia's largest networks of in-patient sleep centres.

It is estimated that sleep disorders affect over 1.2 million Australians with one in every 5 adults experiencing sleep disordered breathing. Genesis Care plans to expand the patient service offering by linking existing local cardiac facilities with QRL's in-patient and at home sleep testing and treatment.

Cardiology Medical Director for Genesis Care, Dr Geoffrey Holt said, "Many of our existing patients with cardiovascular disease have a sleep disorder. The clinical evidence suggests we can improve patient outcomes and overall cost of patient care by identifying and treating these patients more effectively."

QRL operates in-patient diagnosis and testing across 15 sleep labs and centres throughout Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory. Supported by 16 respiratory and sleep physicians, patients receive diagnostic studies and treatment for sleep disorders.

Chairman of QRL, Dr Ian Brown said, "We're excited to be combining with Genesis Care to extend and improve the model of care for patients with cardiovascular disease and, in particular, those who have sleep disorders. Together we can offer a superior service to improve our overall quality of care for patients with cardiac and sleep disorders. We are jointly investing in better systems and improved clinical linkages which wouldn't be possible otherwise."

It is intended that services and facilities will be extended nationally and include key underserved regional and rural areas. The medical leaders of both organisations have spent the last 18 months collaborating on initiatives to improve the care model, clinical outcomes and the patient service experience.

Dan Collins, Managing Director of Genesis Care said, "The QRL-Genesis combination is great news for our existing patients, but also for individuals more broadly in the community who suffer from any sleep disorder. We're extending our model of care and leveraging our organisation's strengths in clinical service improvement and facilities management."

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## **About Genesis Care**

Genesis Care is an Australian owned and operated facilities management and health services organisation focused on its vision of “sustainable care excellence” expanding the quality, reach and access of specialist services around Australia.

Genesis Care provides high quality specialist care to patients with cancer and cardiovascular disease, the two largest disease burdens in Australia. In the last twelve months Genesis Care conducted 100,000 treatments for cancer patients and treated more than 150,000 patients with cardiovascular disease. Genesis Care employs approximately 550 highly trained health professionals and support staff including more than 70 physicians. Services are provided across 55 sites and clinics ranging from the major capital cities to regional and rural centres. The organisation’s expansion planning includes 4 new comprehensive cancer centres and 3 cardiovascular service sites in areas of greatest need, including in key underserved suburban and regional areas.

The Genesis Care medical team comprises some of Australia's most experienced specialists with many dedicating time as consultants in public hospitals or participating in research and teaching. Genesis Care is adopting internationally proven medical technologies integrated with electronic healthcare records to improve patient clinical outcomes and their service experience.

As a demonstration of the organisation’s commitment to research and education, Genesis Care is currently participating in over 100 clinical trials nationally and submitted 23 abstracts to the 58th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand held in Adelaide in August 2010.

## **About Queensland Respiratory Laboratories**

QRL commenced operations in 1989 dedicated to respiratory and sleep medicine (service provision). It has grown to be one of Australia’s largest privately owned sleep consulting, diagnostic and treatment groups in Australia.

Services include:

- In-laboratory diagnostic studies for sleep conditions
- In-home diagnostic studies for sleep conditions
- In-laboratory follow up treatment studies including recommendations for specific sleep conditions and treatment options
- Clinical consulting in sleep and respiratory medicine in the regions where diagnostic procedures are undertaken
- Retailing of sleep treatment units and the provision of education, treatment and holistic support for patients diagnosed with sleep conditions

QRL boasts one of the most comprehensive training and Quality Assurance programs among Australian sleep laboratories. All clinicians, technical and scientific staff are subject to frequent assessment of uniformity in diagnosis and quality of information with follow up by internal and external reviewers. The Quality Assurance program has led to QRL obtaining the highly regarded accreditation of the Australian Sleep Association (ASA) / Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ).