



Quidel Corporation Recognized As 2002 Allegiance Healthcare 'SP Partner of the Year'

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Diagnostic Company Also Honored at Awards Ceremony For Outstanding Annual Sales Achievements

SAN DIEGO, May 7, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Quidel Corporation (Nasdaq: QDEL), a leading manufacturer of rapid point-of-care (POC) diagnostic tests, today announced that it has been awarded for its "Outstanding Sales Achievement" and honored as "Outstanding SP Partner of the Year" by Allegiance Healthcare, a leading provider of health-care products and cost-management services. The awards were presented at a recent Allegiance meeting. This was the second year in a row that Quidel has received Allegiance's "Outstanding Sales Achievement" award.

The "Outstanding Sales Achievement" award recognizes Quidel's ability to deliver exceptional sales growth and financial results. The "Outstanding SP Partner of the Year" award was based on Quidel's excellent operational performance, excellent performance across all "best value" criteria, sales/marketing/health systems support and the company's long term alliance with Allegiance.

"After winning the "Outstanding Sales Achievement" award last year, we were surprised and delighted to be honored again," said Vera Leonard, Vice President of U.S. Sales for Quidel. "Additionally, Allegiance's recognition reiterates our exceptional value as a partner and emphasizes the excellence of our rapid POC diagnostic products."

"For the second year in a row, Quidel has demonstrated their commitment to Allegiance and our customers," said Marie Biskup, Vice President, General Manager, Scientific Products for Allegiance. "As a result of Quidel's attention to detail, high level of service and overall dedication, they are truly deserving of these awards."

About Quidel Corporation

Quidel Corporation discovers, develops, manufactures and markets rapid point-of-care, diagnostic tests for detection of medical conditions and illnesses. These products provide accurate, rapid and cost-effective diagnostic information for acute and chronic conditions associated with women's health, in areas such as reproduction and diseases of the elderly. Quidel also provides point-of-care diagnostics for infectious diseases, including influenza A and B, strep throat, H. pylori infection, chlamydia, infectious mononucleosis, and infectious vaginitis. Quidel's products are sold to healthcare professionals for use in physician offices, clinical laboratories and pharmacies, and to consumers through organizations that provide private label, store brand products. These tests provide diagnostic information to enable rapid treatment and improve health outcomes, lower costs, and increase patient satisfaction. For more information, please visit Quidel's website at <http://www.quidel.com> .

About Allegiance Healthcare

Allegiance Healthcare (www.allegiance.net) is a subsidiary of Cardinal Health, Inc (NYSE: CAH) and a leading provider of health-care products and cost-management services needed by hospitals, laboratories and others in health care. Based in McGaw Park, Illinois, the company manufactures many of the products it markets and distributes, while others come from health and medical companies around the world. Allegiance also provides integrated services such as clinical and productivity consulting, procedure-based supply packaging, just-in-time delivery and other services to help medical professionals control costs and improve quality in patient care.

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