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Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth Partners with Specialists On Call to Deliver Emergency Neurologists & Psychiatrists Immediately to Patients

Waycross, Georgia & Westlake Village, California – September 20, 2011 – Americans living in a region of the southeastern United States known as the “Stroke Belt” are known to have a 15 percent higher risk of stroke and suffer stroke mortality that is 30 to 40 percent higher than the rest of the nation. One of the significant reasons the Southeast is burdened with such high incidence of stroke and stroke-related death is inadequate access to immediate intervention.

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth (GPT) and Specialists On Call (SOC) are partnering to create a 24/7/365 emergency teleneurology network to bridge this gap in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. The partnership will allow GPT members to use the GPT telemedicine equipment to gain immediate access to board-certified neurologists for patients suffering from stroke and other neurologic emergencies. In addition, GPT members will also have access to on-demand SOC psychiatrists for mental health patients arriving in the emergency room and needing immediate consultations.

“Having become one of the most robust, comprehensive telehealth networks in the nation, GPT is proud to add emergency teleneurology as an available service to our partners. Emergency psychiatry is also a great need among many of our partners, and we feel very fortunate to be able to offer both services through our partnership with Specialists on Call,” states Paula Guy, GPT C.E.O.

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth, Inc. is a charitable nonprofit corporation which was formed to promote improvements in healthcare and healthcare facilities in rural and underserved communities throughout the state of Georgia by assisting in the establishment of Telemedicine Programs. By partnering with Specialists On Call, GPT network members will have immediate and around-the-clock access to neurologists in order to treat stroke patients, as well as patients in need of emergency psychiatric consultations.

Specialists On Call, Inc., or “SOC,” is the leading and fastest growing provider of clinical telemedicine services to hospitals in the United States. Led by a physician with 20 years of successful business experience across multiple service industries, since early 2007 SOC has offered to hospitals expert, experienced neurologists providing 24/7/365 on-call service with a 15 minute response time via telemedical link with hospital clients. In 2011, SOC added on-demand

psychiatry consultations as a service line and will continue to offer additional on-demand specialties throughout 2012.

“Patients need immediate access to specialists where and when they need it,” added Dr. Joe Peterson, the C.E.O. of Specialists On Call. “We’re proud to be working with the Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth to provide emergency specialists to their member hospitals and together help to improve patient care across the region.”

Georgia Partnership for Telehealth

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth is the leading agency in Georgia focusing on increasing access to healthcare through innovative use of technology including telemedicine, health information exchange and telehealth. GPT’s success has been built on providing technical assistance and education to its network partners and has been recognized nationally for its robust, statewide network with over 170 physicians serving patients in more than 100,000 encounters to date in 200 access points. GPT is well positioned with the expertise and strong commitment to continue aggressively expanding the network across Georgia and into bordering states.

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Specialists On Call

Specialists On Call, Inc. (SOC), is a Joint Commission-accredited organization that is changing emergency medicine. As the leading provider of emergency telemedicine consultations, SOC gives hospitals vital 24/7/365 access to more than 45 board certified, fellowship trained academic specialists, each with a minimum of 10 years experience. With operations on both coasts, SOC provides more than 1,100 emergency consultations per month for hospitals nationwide and hospital systems such as Vanguard Health Systems, HCA, Inc. and Tenet Healthcare Corporation.

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