



**SPECIALISTS ON CALL™**  
*The Leader in Clinical Telemedicine*

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## **Specialists On Call Renews Joint Commission Accreditation**

*Nation's Leading Provider of Clinical Telemedicine Continues Its Commitment to Quality*

**Washington, D.C. – February 14, 2012** – Specialists On Call, Inc. (SOC), the nation's leading provider of clinical telemedicine, announced today that it has completed its 2012 Joint Commission review and maintained their accreditation. SOC provides hospitals nationwide with immediate 24/7 access to board certified specialty physicians via telemedicine and delivers over 1,500 emergency consultations each month.

“This is a very big deal for Specialists On Call,” commented Dr. Joe Peterson, CEO of SOC. “We’ve always distinguished ourselves by the clinical quality we offer hospitals and renewing our Joint Commission accreditation validates that commitment to excellence. Completing this Joint Commission Survey with no findings is rare and furthers our leadership position within the industry.”

Specialists On Call was the first free-standing and commercial telemedicine service to earn Joint Commission accreditation and this latest evaluation was SOC's third formal review. To date, SOC has helped more than 40,000 patients and their family members with time sensitive clinical consultations via telemedicine.

SOC's growth plan for 2012 includes multiple new telemedicine service lines that address the nation's growing specialty physician shortage. Last year Specialists On Call launched an emergency telepsychiatry service for hospitals that are hard pressed to provide 24/7/365 psychiatric on-call coverage in their emergency room. Thus far, the telepsychiatry service has produced six times the consult volume that SOC's long-established teleneurology service generated during its first year.

### ***About 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 50 board certified, fellowship trained academic specialists, each with a minimum of 10 years experience. With operations on both coasts, SOC provides more than 1,500 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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