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**Specialists On Call and UCLA Present New Stroke Data
at 2011 International Stroke Conference**

*Study Explores the Impact of a National Telestroke Network on the
Delivery of Thrombolytic Therapies*

Los Angeles, California – February 11, 2011 – Specialists On Call, Inc. (SOC), the nation's leading provider of clinical telemedicine services, announced today that it has presented data from a national stroke study conducted in partnership with the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) at the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference (February 8-11th). The study, which reviewed emergency stroke consultations handled by the Specialists On Call during 2009, found that national, multi-state telestroke care is a feasible model and results in patients having greater access to the delivery of thrombolytic therapy (tPA).

Other highlights from the 2009 study include:

- SOC provided coverage to more than 12% of the U.S. population within 30 minutes travel time in geographic regions where local, in-person neurology coverage is unavailable around the clock
- SOC's affiliated physicians recommended the administration of tPA to 9.4% of eligible patients with acute ischemic stroke within 3 hours

Specialists On Call provides teleneurology services to more than 100 hospitals throughout the country and has conducted over 25,000 emergency neurology consultations via telemedicine. Last year alone, SOC's affiliated neurologists completed more than 11,000 consultations and administered over 600 doses of the clot busting drug, tPA, to eligible patients suffering from acute stroke – far surpassing the national average and higher than any other medical organization in the world.

“The volume of stroke patients that Specialists On Call evaluates each month exceeds any single stroke service, allowing us to collect an enormous amount of data from around the country in a short amount of time,” said Dr. Leonard Dimitri DaSilva, Neurology Medical Director for Specialists On Call. “We can capture this critical patient information from a wide spectrum of geographic areas, socioeconomic backgrounds and ethnicity in hospitals ranging from a busy, urban, level 1 trauma center with 1,000 beds to a rural critical access hospital with 25 beds and leverage this data to develop best practices for the treatment and care of stroke patients.”

The poster presentation, entitled, “A National U.S. Telestroke Delivery System: Patient Characteristics and Frequency of Thrombolytic Therapy Delivery,” was authored by Drs. Latisha K. Ali, Sidney Starkman and Jeffrey L. Saver, UCLA Stroke Center in Los Angeles, California, Dr. Men Lee, Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Chiaya, Taiwan, and Drs. Evan Allen, Mitch Rubin, Todd Samuels, Jean Raphael Schneider, Carlos Villar and Leonard Dimitri DaSilva, Specialists On Call in Westlake Village, California and was presented at the International Stroke Conference on Thursday, February 10th.

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 45 board certified, fellowship trained academic specialists, each with a minimum of 10 years experience. With operations on both coasts, SOC provides more than 1,000 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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