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WellStar Expands Telemedicine Coverage with Specialists On Call to Offer TeleNeurology and TelePsychiatry Services

Reston, VA – Oct 3, 2017 – WellStar Health System, the largest health system in Georgia, expands its telemedicine capabilities with [Specialists On Call, Inc. \(SOC\)](#), by adding TeleNeurology and TelePsychiatry services. SOC is the largest provider of telemedicine services and technology to acute care hospitals. WellStar Health System is known nationally for its innovative care models, focused on improving quality and access to healthcare.

“In an emergency, every second counts,” said Freda Lyon, vice president of emergency services for WellStar Health System. “With telemedicine, we are able to provide comprehensive neurological services for patients around the clock when they need it most. Through the skill of our providers and the latest technology, our patients can receive world-class healthcare close to home.”

Many of WellStar’s hospitals will utilize TeleNeurology to deliver highly-specialized care to patients experiencing a stroke. Using live two-way cameras and high resolution images, a patient is connected with a neurologist faster than traditionally possible. TelePsychiatry services will also be used at some WellStar facilities.

“Our growing partnership with WellStar demonstrates a collaborative effort to increase access to care through telemedicine,” said Hammad Shah, CEO of SOC. “It is a privilege to be a part of WellStar’s innovative approach to ensuring that patients receive quality care in local communities.

WellStar Health System Partnering with Specialists On Call:

This partnership between WellStar Health System and Specialists On Call spans 8 hospitals in the state of Georgia with 3 service lines: Emergency Neurology, General Neurology and Emergency Psychiatry. WellStar is planning to expand into several more hospitals in 2018.



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About WellStar Health System

WellStar Health System, the largest health system in Georgia, is known nationally for its innovative care models, focused on improving quality and access to healthcare. WellStar consists of WellStar Medical Group, 250 medical office locations, outpatient centers, health parks, a pediatric center, nursing centers, hospice, homecare, as well as 11 hospitals: WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center South, WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center (anchored by WellStar Kennestone Hospital), WellStar West Georgia Medical Center, and WellStar Cobb, Douglas, North Fulton, Paulding, Spalding Regional, Sylvan Grove and Windy Hill hospitals. As a not-for-profit, WellStar continues to reinvest in the health of the communities it serves with new technologies and treatments. For more information, visit wellstar.org.

About Specialists On Call, Inc.

Specialists On Call, Inc. (SOC) is the largest provider of acute care telemedicine services and technology to US hospitals and partners with approximately 400 hospitals and systems across 36 states. Through its [Neurology](#), [Psychiatry](#), and [Critical Care](#) solutions, SOC virtually delivers physicians directly to the patient's bedside. The company's Consult Coordination Center (CCC) is the hub of its clinical and operational support teams, and dedicated to accelerating patient care through a fully redundant and state-of-the-art platform.

SOC provides industry leading reporting and analytics and lean six sigma support to optimize workflows towards achieving high clinical outcomes. SOC's flexible, enterprise [Managed Services](#) offering enables hospitals to rapidly deploy and seamlessly optimize or expand a telemedicine program by leveraging its proven and scalable infrastructure. The organization was the first private provider of acute clinical telemedicine services to earn The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval and has maintained that accreditation every year since inception. For more information, visit www.specialistsoncall.com.

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