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Specialists On Call Oversees its 10,000th tPA Administration to an Acute Stroke Patient

Milestone is reached as company continues expansion to address physician shortages nationwide

Reston, VA – December 2, 2015 – [Specialists On Call, Inc.](#), the country’s leading provider of clinical telemedicine services to acute care hospitals, today announced that it has now overseen more than 10,000 tPA administrations (or “tissue plasminogen activator” therapy) to eligible acute stroke patients. tPA, specifically Alteplase®, is the only approved intravenous thrombolytic therapy available for treating patients with acute ischemic stroke, which is caused by a blood clot in the brain’s blood vessels. Patients are only eligible to receive tPA if they begin treatment within 3 hours after stroke symptoms begin or in an extended window of 4½ hours, necessitating accelerated response times to improve patient outcomes.

The SOC neurology practice is comprised of over 100 experienced, board-certified specialists, many with vascular credentials and leadership experience as stroke directors. Due to its scale, SOC specialists are able to consult on a wide variety of cases, and regularly collaborate with each other to enhance patient care.

"We bring an unprecedented level of thrombolytic treatment experience to the industry," remarked Specialists On Call’s Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Til Jolly. "But 10,000 is far more than a number. This milestone shows a dedication to patient care in the rapidly evolving landscape of stroke treatment and recovery. The responsiveness made possible by our world-class neurology team is a capability that not only increases how many patients can be treated with tPA, but can significantly improve outcomes for those patients as well."

Established in 2007, SOC now partners with over 350 hospitals across the United States and has provided nearly 200,000 telemedicine consultations across the continuum of care in:

- Emergency and Routine Neurology
- On Demand and Consult + Liaison Psychiatry
- Critical Care (Intensivist)

These service lines address critical challenges faced by many hospitals in optimizing the use of available specialists, while streamlining workflow and ensuring high-quality patient care.



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About Specialists On Call

Specialists On Call is the nation's most experienced and trusted provider of physician consultations via telemedicine, offering 24x7 coverage and serving over 350 hospitals nationwide. Through its [TeleNeurology](#), [TelePsychiatry](#) and [TeleIntensivist](#) services, SOC delivers highly qualified, fellowship trained, board certified, U.S.-trained specialty physicians directly to the patient's bedside. The company 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 2006.

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