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### **Specialists On Call, Inc. Announces its 50,000th Psychiatry Patient Consultation**

*A patient at partner hospital Navicent Health received care under the health system's innovative telemedicine consultation model*

**Reston, VA – July 25, 2016** – [Specialists On Call, Inc.](#) (SOC), the nation's leading provider of clinical telemedicine services to acute care hospitals, today announced that it has reached a milestone 50,000 psychiatry consultations delivered to patients across the United States. The patient was under the care of SOC partner hospital [The Medical Center, Navicent Health](#) in Macon, GA on June 20, 2016 when an SOC psychiatrist was requested to support the patient's care via telemedicine. The partnership between SOC and Navicent Health allows for better management of behavioral health needs within central Georgia's patient population, and has already successfully supported care delivery to over 300 patients per year.

"It has been only five years since we launched our Psychiatry service line, and reaching this milestone indicates the tremendous need for experienced clinicians to address our nation's behavioral health challenges," said Dr. Til Jolly, Chief Medical Officer of Specialists On Call. "Every day, we work closely with our partner hospitals, including The Medical Center, Navicent Health, to provide access to physicians where they are needed the most."

"As a tertiary hospital serving rural and underserved portions of our state, we have seen firsthand the numerous benefits that telemedicine and technology offer to patients and their families. Through our partnership with Specialists On Call, Navicent Health is better able to serve behavioral health patients in the right place – close to home – at the right time and for the right cost. Through telemedicine, patients are able to receive needed services and personalized care in a timely manner," said Dr. Ninfa M. Saunders, President and CEO of Navicent Health.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC), the number of discharges with psychoses as the first-listed diagnosis is 1.5 million per year, with an average length of stay (LOS) for mental disorders of 7.2 days, illustrating the strain that U.S. hospitals are under in caring for patients afflicted with mental health disorders. SOC work with hospitals and health systems, like Navicent Health, across the country to evaluate patients with all psychiatric disorders to help reduce treatment and LOS times, while reducing overcrowding in emergency departments and the associated security risks and costs.



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SOC is currently an Educational Underwriter and presenter, as well as an exhibitor at the [mHealth + Telehealth World 2016](#) event, July 24-26, 2016 in Boston, MA.

### **About Specialists On Call**

Specialists On Call, Inc. (SOC) 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 [Neurology](#), [Psychiatry](#), [Critical Care](#), and [Managed Services](#) 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 infrastructure. SOC 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, please visit [www.specialistsoncall.com](http://www.specialistsoncall.com).

### **About Navicent Health**

Navicent Health was incorporated on November 17, 1994, as a nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is to coordinate the Medical Center, Navicent Health and other affiliated entities in their mission of providing a comprehensive continuum of high quality, reasonably priced healthcare services to the region. Navicent Health has 830 beds for medical, surgical, rehabilitation and hospice purposes. The health system includes The Medical Center, Navicent Health, a nationally recognized tertiary teaching hospital; Children's Hospital, Navicent Health, the region's only dedicated pediatric hospital; Medical Center of Peach County, Navicent Health, a rural critical access hospital; Rehabilitation Hospital, Navicent Health, the region's oldest and most experienced rehabilitation provider; Pine Pointe, Navicent Health, which provides palliative and hospice care in homes and in its facility; Carlyle Place, Navicent Health, the area's first continuing care retirement community; Navicent Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Navicent Health; as well as diagnostic and home care services. For more information, please visit [www.navicenthealth.org](http://www.navicenthealth.org).

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