

ACUTECARE TELEMEDICINE PARTNERS WITH GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP FOR TELEHEALTH TO EXTEND REACH

AcuteCare Telemedicine (ACT), an Atlanta-based teleneurology services provider, is pleased to announce a partnership with Georgia Partnership for Tele-Health (GPT). Beginning November 1, 2011, ACT will provide emergency consultation services for Taylor Regional Medical Center in Hawkinsville, Georgia using the MOVI remote presence system.

The “Stroke Belt” of the United States traverses the Southeast, where citizens face as much as a 40 percent higher rate of stroke mortality than in other parts of the country. The most significant obstacle to the timely and effective treatment of acute stroke is inadequate access of rural areas to qualified neurologists.

ACT is the only Georgia point-of-service telemedicine provider, serving both urban and suburban hospitals for over 2 years. By providing expert acute stroke care using internet-based telemedicine systems, ACT is able to drastically improve patient outcomes in underserved areas.

“ACT provides a regional solution to rural Georgia's critical needs in the area of rapid stroke evaluation and treatment. GPT’s telemedicine video systems will allow our Georgia-based neurologists to personally bring their extensive experience to the bedside,” says Keith Sanders, M.D., COO, ACT. “This partnership will lessen the tremendous burden Georgia faces in the heart of the Stroke Belt.”

“The missions and capabilities of ACT and GPT complement each other perfectly,” says James Kiely, M.D., Ph.D., CIO, ACT. “Together, we look forward to helping reduce the deadly impact of stroke in the underserved regions of Georgia and beyond.”

More information on ACT is available at www.acutecaretelemed.com.

About Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth (GPT) is the leading agency in Georgia focusing on increasing access to healthcare through innovative use of technology including telemedicine, health information exchange and telehealth. GPT has been recognized nationally for its robust, statewide network with over 170 physicians serving patients in more than 100,000 encounters to date in 200 access points. GPT is committed to continue aggressively expanding the network across Georgia and into bordering states.

About AcuteCare Telemedicine

Founded in 2009, AcuteCare Telemedicine (ACT) is a limited liability corporation advancing the opportunity for healthcare institutions to gain access to highly-respected, expert neurologists and telemedicine technologies. ACT offers a range of services including first-rate neurological emergency response care with around-the-clock support and hospital accreditation education, filling staffing needs and reducing the costs associated with 24/7 neurologist availability.