

## ACUTECARE TELEMEDICINE

**Atlanta, GA: October 18, 2012** – AcuteCare Telemedicine (ACT) Partner Dr. Keith Sanders and Sales Executive Michael Woodcock are travelling to Prattville, Alabama to attend the first annual Connecting Alabama – Telehealth and Broadband Summit from October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

The event is hosted by Connecting ALABAMA, a government-sponsored initiative working with citizens and community leaders from across the state to improve high speed internet deployment, and the Alabama Partnership for TeleHealth, a charitable nonprofit corporation with a focus on increasing access to healthcare through the innovative use of technology. Together, the organizations hope to provide an opportunity to extend telehealth services throughout all 67 counties of the state.

Topics of discussion at the event range from technical considerations, to the state's role in deployment, to policy issues, to the current state of telehealth. Dr. Sanders will speak on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> about the future of telemedicine, specifically stroke teleneurology. The work of Dr. Sanders and the other physicians of ACT in the field of teleneurology is particularly relevant in any discussion of healthcare in Alabama, as the state is located in the region of the southeastern United States known as the 'Stroke Belt' for its unusually high incidence of stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

Dr. Sanders' presentation will address necessary tactics for successful and sustainable implementation of telestroke programs, and the characteristics of effective regionally-oriented stroke care that are enabled by telehealth. "I am excited for the opportunity to share ACT's vision of extending expert neurological care throughout the rural and underserved parts of Alabama and the rest of the country," says Sanders. "Opening the dialogue at this inaugural event is a key step towards achieving a future with a better standard of care in a more interconnected world."

For more information about ACT, visit [www.acutecaretelemed.com](http://www.acutecaretelemed.com).

### **About AcuteCare Telemedicine**

Founded in 2009, AcuteCare Telemedicine is a limited liability corporation advancing the opportunity for healthcare institutions to gain access to highly-respected, expert neurologists and telemedicine technologies. AcuteCare offers a range of services including first-rate neurological emergency response care with around-the-clock support and hospital accreditation education. AcuteCare primarily provides remote emergency neurology consultation which fills staffing needs and reduces the costs associated with 24/7 neurologist availability. As a result, healthcare institutions provide full service emergency neurology care and can earn Joint Commission Certification as a Primary Stroke Center.