

ACT COLLABORATES WITH SOUTHEASTERN MEDICAL CENTER ON TELESTROKE NETWORK

Wednesday, May 15, 2013: AcuteCare Telemedicine (ACT), the Southeast region's largest practice based telemedicine provider, participated at Southeastern Alabama Medical Center's (SAMC) press conference, announcing SAMC's new stroke care network.

SAMC's service area covers over 60 miles in each direction. With technology in place, SAMC looked at possible resources to staff the new 24X7 model. Neurologists on staff at SAMC are responsible for patients after admittance to the hospital, and often following acute symptoms or neurological events. To be able to provide 24X7 coverage would be impossible. SAMC selected AcuteCare Telemedicine as its clinical service provider.

With this hub-spoke stroke care model, SAMC will be able to add hospitals to its network, expanding coverage across its communities. Patients have already started to receive care, including tPA. The initial results show improved patient outcomes. The goal of the stroke care network is to educate communities on the importance of wellness, to identify signs before a stroke and generate awareness for the new services offerings SAMC can provide.

"Telemedicine is such a new technology for our population. We had concerns about patient adoption and comfort with being diagnosed remotely," comments Ceclia Land, Division Director, Rehabilitation Services, SAMC. "However, ACT integrated seamlessly into our processes, working alongside our team, to insure only the highest level of care to our patients. All of the doctors at ACT have an incredible bedside manner and are engaging. They have become an integral part of our team."

ACT will be on hand to diagnose and treat acute care patients. ACT offers cost-effective solutions that deliver complete on-call coverage, improve patient outcomes that adhere to HIPAA / HITECH requirements and establish a sustainable financial model for patient care. The ACT Team of Neurological specialists are in the business of creating relationships that will serve as the foundation for improving healthcare for communities across the Southeast and Nationwide.

"SAMC has really established the new standard of care, expanding access to specialty care in underserved communities," comments Dr. Gwynn, CEO, Partner, ACT. "We look forward to our continued involvement with SAMC and its patients. We have the potential to improve the statistics for residents across these communities in the hopes of saving lives lost due to stroke. If diagnosed in time, we are able to administer tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) decreasing patient deficits after the stroke."

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. For more information, visit: www.acutecaretelemed.com.