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HOSPITAL ROLLS OUT NEW ROBOT TECHNOLOGY

Canton, GA – September 30, 2011: Local radio station WGST AM 640 "The Talk of Atlanta" recently reported on the expansion of services at Northside Hospital Cherokee, including new technology allowing stroke patients a quicker diagnosis in the precious hours following a stroke.

Mobile Access Consultation Service (M.A.C.S.) is a wireless, remote, mobile robot that allows neurologists to interact with patients, even if they are in separate locations. Neurologist Dr. Keith Sanders of AcuteCare Telemedicine explained on the program how the new technology allows the doctor to be available immediately in a critical situation.

Dr. Sanders noted that through the new technology, neurologist availability, previously a major obstacle to acute stroke care in the emergency room, is becoming less of an issue. The robot is a monitor and camera combo that allows the patient to see the doctor as well as the doctor to see the patient, family and any test results.

Northside Cherokee sees around 70 patients a year with neurological diagnoses such as stroke. Thanks to M.A.C.S., the hospital no longer has to transfer stroke patients to another facility for care.

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.

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