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**Doctors Telehealth Network, Inc. and University of California, Irvine to begin serving the California Safety Net**

***University Physicians & Surgeons agree to provide patient consultations with DTN***

Newport Beach, CA, July 23, 2008 –Doctors Telehealth Network, Inc. and University Physicians & Surgeons (UPS) at UC Irvine have agreed to begin telemedicine patient consultations for the various adult and pediatric medical and surgical specialties provided by the UC Irvine UPS medical group. The agreement supports the State of California’s goal of using telemedicine technology to improve access to medical care in rural and underserved communities.

**“KURT GROSSMAN QUOTE”**

Dr. Ira Lott, professor and associate dean for Clinical Neurosciences and Telemedicine Medical Director at UC Irvine and Tim Ogata, Chief Operations Officer, University Physicians & Surgeons and UC Irvine UPS physician leadership are working on integrating the use of TeleHealth technology in to the University’s teaching, research and clinical service mission. This agreement will provide DTN access to UC Irvine UPS’ wide range of adult and pediatric multispecialty clinical services. UC Irvine doctors and DTN are also working to bring telemedicine services to the patients at UC Irvine’s Family Health Centers in Santa Ana & Anaheim.

DTN has been part of a tremendous increase in patient consultations with specialists using the 60-site Anthem Blue Cross of California Telemedicine Network. The partnership between DTN and UC Irvine doctors will make high quality specialty medical care available in places not widely available.

Thanks in part to a FCC grant awarded to the University of California system to create a statewide TeleHealth network, the five UC medical schools will be able to provide patient care and medical education services to previously underserved and difficult to access areas. The UC Irvine School of Medicine is constructing a 65,000-square-foot medical education building on campus that will include a state-of-the-art telemedicine training center.

“We will soon be able to teach future physicians the value of telemedicine in expanding the reach of quality healthcare,” Lott said.

University of California Irvine University Physicians & Surgeons is the faculty practice organization for UC Irvine Health Affairs. This multispecialty group of more than 500 physicians and surgeons is affiliated with the UC Irvine School of Medicine. University Physicians & Surgeons practice primarily at the at the UC Irvine Medical Center in the City of Orange and its off-site patient care locations throughout Orange County.

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