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## **WorldCare Consortium<sup>SM</sup> Adds Mayo Clinic to its Second Opinion Services for WorldCare Members**

**Boston, Nov. 26, 2008** -- WorldCare Inc. today announced that it has signed an agreement with Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., to provide international referring physicians virtual second opinion services for WorldCare members. Working with their physicians, international patients who participate in WorldCare services can now receive specialist opinions from Mayo Clinic physicians without leaving home. This is the first such agreement of its kind to be signed by Mayo Clinic.

“Providing virtual second opinions helps fulfill Mayo Clinic’s vision of supporting the care of patients who are unable to travel to one of our locations,” says Salvador Alvarez, M.D., Mayo’s coordinator for the WorldCare project. “It also allows us to offer Mayo’s expertise in answering difficult medical questions in an innovative new way.”

“WorldCare is pleased to be working with Mayo Clinic to help international patients benefit from the expertise of leading physicians, in collaboration with their local attending physicians and assist them in making informed decisions about their treatment options,” said Nasser Menhall, CEO, WorldCare Inc. “Using WorldCare’s encrypted technology, a member’s complete medical record, including medical imaging, laboratory reports, medical history and physical can be quickly and securely sent for review to a team of experts at a WorldCare Consortium hospital.”

The WorldCare Consortium now features five of the top 10 hospitals in the United States including, in addition to Mayo Clinic, Children’s Hospital Boston, Duke University Health System, Partners HealthCare System (which includes Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and Dana-Farber/Partners CancerCare) and UCLA Healthcare. Together, these hospitals comprise over 17,000 specialist and sub-specialist physicians, and receive over \$2.1 billion in annual research funding.

“The global health care community has trusted WorldCare since 1994 when it became the first company to offer customized second opinion e-consultations for serious illness. Today, we remain committed to our original charter of bringing patients access to high quality healthcare at the time it may be needed most,” concluded Menhall.

### **About Mayo Clinic**

Mayo Clinic is the oldest and largest integrated, not-for-profit group practice of medicine in the world. Mayo has earned a reputation for finding answers to difficult medical questions, based on more than 100 years of results. Its patient care activities are supported by medical education and research. Mayo Clinic is consistently rated overall as one of the two top hospitals in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*. The Mayo model of care is built on teams of physicians and other medical professionals working together. A single electronic medical record for each patient facilitates collaboration. Any Mayo physician can access more than 3,000 physician and researcher colleagues in the system for help. Patients from all 50 U.S. states and more than 150 countries visit a Mayo Clinic site every year for their medical needs. When the Jacksonville, Fla., facility opened in 1986, it was Mayo's first expansion beyond Rochester, Minn. A new 214-bed hospital opened in April 2008 in Jacksonville, consolidating all services on one campus. Mayo Clinic is designated by the National Cancer Institute as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. At its three locations in Rochester, Minn.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Scottsdale/Phoenix, Ariz., Mayo physicians perform more than 1,100 transplants a year, making it the largest transplant program in the United States. Transplant patient survival rates consistently exceed national averages. [www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

### **About WorldCare**

WorldCare's mission is to improve the health of all people by giving affordable, timely access to quality health care services through a global network. A pioneer and leader in the development and commercialization of global e-health services and solutions, WorldCare facilitates international access to high quality U.S. healthcare through the delivery of highly specialized and personalized electronic second medical opinions and the provision of insurance plans for the U.S. treatment of serious illness. In partnership with the very best medical centers in North America, WorldCare utilizes Internet-empowered technologies and FDA approved protocols to transmit medical records and provide referring physicians and their patients with second opinions. Consultation and treatment are rendered by The WorldCare Consortium<sup>SM</sup>, comprised of Children's Hospital Boston, Duke University Health System, Mayo Clinic, Partners HealthCare System, Inc. (which includes Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber/Partners CancerCare) and UCLA Healthcare. Special programs sponsored by life and health insurance carriers throughout the world offer WorldCare's second medical opinion services and its serious illness insurance product, The WorldCare Global Health Plan<sup>SM</sup>. WorldCare also offers healthcare consulting and continuing medical education (CME) services. To date, WorldCare has processed over 17,000 e-consultations, and offers its peace of mind services in 46 countries worldwide. WorldCare can be found at [www.worldcare.com](http://www.worldcare.com)