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Virtual Expert Clinics Launches *AutismPro*, a 21st Century Response to Educating Students with Autism

Online solution allows administrators to build capacity and helps educators improve outcomes

FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK (March 5, 2009) – Virtual Expert Clinics, Inc., provider of a 21st century response to educating students with autism, launches *AutismPro*. A customizable package of tools, content and programming, *AutismPro* allows administrators to build capacity and helps educators to improve outcomes for each student with autism.

In the United States, a child is diagnosed with autism every 21 minutes, a rate that is growing faster than that of any other developmental disorder. *AutismPro* is designed to help educators and administrators improve the learning experiences for students with autism through the effective use of technology. Assisting in the development and review of *AutismPro* are members of a professional advisory board that includes Dr. Kathleen Quill of the Autism Institute, Dr. Cathy Pratt of the Autism Society of America, and Dr. Brenda Smith Myles.

There are two products in the *AutismPro* line: *AutismPro Workshops* and *AutismPro Resources*. *AutismPro Workshops* is a flexible, web-based professional development program that allows educators to apply a range of evidence-based strategies to typical school situations. Designed for the general education teacher, *AutismPro Workshops* provides videos and illustrated case examples of instructional techniques that can be applied across the spectrum of autism and autism-related disabilities. *AutismPro Workshops* features up to 45 hours of online content, including the most commonly used concepts and strategies in the field of autism intervention, which allows users to study what is specifically related to their students' needs.

Designed to complement an existing program and IEP framework, *AutismPro Resources* is a comprehensive set of online classroom tools. It allows special education teachers, support staff, and administrators to search a database of more than 5,000 lesson plans, teaching strategies, and behavioral supports. Users can download and print what each student's team needs to easily apply techniques and target learning objectives on a daily basis.

“During the last ten years, many evidence-based strategies have surfaced to assist educators in teaching students with autism. What is important to remember is that not one teaching method works for all children, and methods described by researchers can be hard to translate to the

classroom,” said Kevin Custer, CEO of Virtual Expert Clinics. “*AutismPro* delivers the tools educators need to develop and follow an intervention plan that is both consistent and individualized for each student with autism.”

AutismPro Workshops and *AutismPro Resources* strengthen the effectiveness of a dedicated educator. *AutismPro Workshops* provides the means for general education teachers and teacher assistants to learn about autism and to embrace the methodologies that have been shown to help students with autism learn successfully in the classroom. *AutismPro Resources* helps educators with a moderate understanding of autism to efficiently access many of the day-to-day lesson plans they need through one online solution.

AutismPro Workshops is available for as little as \$50 per teacher for district implementations, while *AutismPro Resources* is available for as little as \$2,500 per school. For more information about *AutismPro*, visit www.AutismPro.com.

About Virtual Expert Clinics, Inc.

Virtual Expert Clinics, provider of a 21st century response to educating students with autism, works with school districts, early intervention providers, and governments to supplement quality programs. The company’s flagship product, *AutismPro*, allows administrators to build capacity and helps educators to improve outcomes. Virtual Expert Clinics has offices in Fredericton, New Brunswick and Denver, Colorado. For more information, visit <http://www.AutismPro.com/Media> or phone 1-866-462-0991.

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