



## **SHARE THE HEALTH: Free WebCam Health Checks For Local Domestic Violence Victims**

*Virtual doc visits ensure victims' privacy is protected*

**(October 2014)** - By the time you finish reading this sentence, a woman in the U.S. will have been battered – making her the latest victim of domestic violence. Recent incidents involving NFL players have thrust the issue into the national spotlight, and now, one local telehealth company wants to help – offering free, confidential webcam medical checkups to survivors in shelters locally and everywhere across the country.

### **Safe, Private Checkups**

MeMD, a leading telehealth service provider, is offering confidential, FREE medical exams via webcam for any ailment to victims of domestic violence in shelters here and throughout the country. Victims who escape abusers are often terrified to leave a trace of where they're hiding and skip doctor visits - even when they're extremely ill. The company has offered this service in Arizona since 2011 and has now extended it nationwide. Local shelter owners/managers are encouraged to reach out to MeMD to learn how to take advantage of this offer for their residents. Once a partnership is established, victims in shelters will be directed to a secure site to initiate their free telehealth visit.

Anyone who requests a virtual doctor visit through the MeMD ["Share the Health"](#) link will receive a \$5 dollar discount off the \$49.95 fee. In turn, MeMD will donate a free online visit to a victim in a shelter.

### **Social Responsibility**

MeMD™ is an innovative telehealth company that allows patients online access to licensed physicians whenever and wherever via webcam. Users log on to a computer and talk with a doctor in their state via webcam who can often diagnose and prescribe medication for minor illnesses when medically necessary.

"Our mission is to provide, quality and convenient healthcare to all patients. We're dedicated to supporting domestic violence victims with free medical care in a safe and secure environment," says Dr. John Shufeldt, founder and CEO of MeMD™. "By using MeMD™ services, victims won't have to leave the security of the shelter to seek healthcare, and there will be no bill to insurance so abusers can't find them. We successfully trialed this program in Arizona and now want to expand support to all areas of the country through our nationwide network."

As a former ER physician, Dr. Shufeldt has always strived to protect and heal domestic violence victims. He's treated many victims and has also helped educate other physicians on how to spot signs of domestic violence. Shufeldt has also served as the president of M.A.N. – The Men's Anti Violence Network, a group of business and community leaders dedicated to stopping domestic violence by holding the abuser accountable and working on prevention efforts.

### **How MeMD Works**

Through MeMD™, patients can be examined, diagnosed and treated -- including prescriptions -- online. There is no drive time or wait time at the doctor's office and no insurance is necessary. MeMD™ has the nation's most comprehensive network of urgent care providers to see patients online or in person if further followup is required after a web visit.

## **What MeMD Treats**

Highly qualified healthcare providers with MeMD™ can evaluate a variety of common conditions, like:

- Flu
- Fever
- Respiratory Infections
- Pink Eye
- Urinary Tract Infections

## **About MeMD:**

Leading telehealth service provider, MeMD, is headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona. MeMD is revolutionizing the healthcare industry by offering access to affordable, convenient and secure web-based healthcare. MeMD combines proven telemedicine technologies with business model innovations to improve access to medical providers, reduce healthcare costs and make the experience of seeing a physician convenient, enjoyable and affordable – the way it should be. For more information visit [www.memd.me](http://www.memd.me).

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## **Facts About Domestic Violence**

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.
- 81% of women who are stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner.