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## **Healthcommunities.com Ranks in NBC News Medical Correspondent's "Top Ten"**

**NORTHAMPTON, Mass., November 5, 2001** — Dr. Ian Smith, medical correspondent for *NBC News*, ranked Healthcommunities.com® in the Top Ten Medical Websites on the Internet as "one of the most interactive medical portals on the Web." The list is featured in his recently published book, *Dr. Ian Smith's Guide to Medical Websites*. Dr. Ian Smith also is a *Time* magazine contributing medical columnist and a health columnist for the *New York Daily News*.

Criteria Smith used to rate the websites included expertise of the source of information, ease of navigation, interactivity, and the look and "feel" of the site. Healthcommunities.com's 17 medical specialty channels contain information developed and monitored by board-certified specialists. Each channel uses chats, forums, links to clinical trial information and physician locators to help people find medically accurate information about diseases and their treatments.

"Our health care information empowers people to ask their physicians better questions and to make better health care decisions. We are proud to be recognized as one of the ten most reliable medical information resources on the Web," said Dr. Stanley J.

Swierzewski II, CEO and founder of Healthcommunities.com.

*Healthcommunities.com® , Inc., a privately held company founded in 1998, provides innovative online resources for health care consumers and professionals. The company's medical specialty Web channels, in partnership with leading pharmaceutical and medical technology companies, serve health care consumers searching for reliable information. Healthcommunities.com is a Physician Developed and Monitored™ online community providing medical information and resources in a trusted environment.*

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