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Dear Emergency Medicine Residents and Residency Directors:

As the Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) enters into its 12th year of providing educational programs, we are pleased to participate again in this year's EMRA activities. FERNE's roots are with EMRA and our combined neurological case conferences. We would like to thank the EMRA Board, EMRA Executive Director Michele Byers, Leah Stefanini, Publications and Meetings Coordinator, and all of the EMRA and ACEP staff for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to provide the following case conference:

Use of TPA in Acute Ischemic Stroke: Updates & Controversies Featuring a Panel Discussion

Tuesday, October 6th
Grand Ballroom D-E

12 noon to 1 pm
Westin Waterfront, Boston, MA

This educational session will provide EM physicians with an evidence based review of current management of acute stroke and updates regarding the new recommendations on the use of TPA. This session will also feature a panel discussion to discuss some of controversial aspects of the recent TPA and acute ischemic stroke literature.

CME credit is available to physicians through EB Medicine. **Please complete both an evaluation form and a request for CME form** and turn them in to the FERNE staff in order to receive up to a maximum of 1.0 hours of category I CME credit.

Lastly, we would like to thank Genentech, EKR Therapeutics, and The Medicines Company for their generous support for this educational session, funded via unrestricted grants. Without support such as that granted by our sponsors, it would not be possible for FERNE to provide this innovative educational program.

I believe you will find this educational program enjoyable and relevant to your clinical practice. FERNE's hope is that you will be able to use these materials in your own institutions or EM residency programs to educate those who could not attend today. If you are interested in other materials from this and other meetings, please explore our website, www.ferne.org, where over 450 lectures by over 250 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

Thank you for attending and being a part of FERNE's mission to improve the care of patients who present to the Emergency Department with neurological emergencies.

Sincerely,

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