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Dear Colleagues:

The Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is pleased to work with the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA) in presenting a neurological emergencies case conference. FERNE would especially like to thank Michele Byers, EMRA Executive Director, Leah Stefanini, Publications and Meetings Coordinator, EMRA President Andrew Zinkel, MD, and the EMRA Board and membership for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to provide through the support of its endowment the following two parts to this conference:

- **Neurological Emergencies Case Conference:
A Focus on Ischemic Stroke & Traumatic Brain Injury**
- **Special Panel Discussion:
Tell Me One Thing About Emergency Medicine**

This meeting will be held at the SAEM annual meeting:

**Marriott Wardman Park Hotel,
Washington, D.C.
Rooms Wilson A/B/C
12:00pm – 1:30pm**

This educational session will provide EM physicians with the skills necessary to utilize tPA in acute ischemic stroke patients, and to develop documentation statements for reducing the risk in the management of acute ischemic stroke patients in the Emergency Department. The case conference will also ways in which to optimally applying the new ACEP Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Clinical Guidelines which were developed with the help of former EMRA Board Member Richard Hunt, MD and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The last portion of this meeting will include an opportunity for four emergency physicians with a collective Emergency Medicine experience of over 85 years to provide one bit of insight and information over a range of topics related to a successful practice and career in Emergency Medicine.

CME credit is available to physicians through the University of Illinois at Chicago. **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 1.5 hours of category I CME credit.

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. Included in your meeting materials is a CD-ROM that contains links to all of the PowerPoint presentations, written materials, and audio and video from these presentations. If you are interested in other materials from this and other meetings, please explore our website, www.ferne.org, where over 400 lectures by over 180 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

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

Sincerely,

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