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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 11th 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 through the support of its endowment the following case conference:

- **ED Documentation: Supporting Excellence in Care of Patients with Neurological Emergencies**
- **This meeting will be held on October 28, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick, Room CC10BCDC from 12 noon- 1pm.**

This educational session will provide EM physicians with the skills necessary to develop documentation statements for optimizing patient care and reducing the risk in the management of patients with neurological emergencies in the Emergency Department. The session will include lectures regarding documentation and billing, medicolegal issues, and the use of the electronic medical record in the process of improving patient care in the ED.

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 1.0 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.

FERNE's educational efforts at this year's EMRA meeting at ACEP SA 2008 are being supported by Ortho-McNeil, EKR Therapeutics, Inc. and The Medicines Company. Without support such as that granted by our sponsors, it would not be possible for FERNE to provide innovative educational programming with EMRA.

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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