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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 an innovative approach to teaching neurological emergencies using simulation in a competitive environment. We would especially like to thank Michele Byers, EMRA Executive Director, Leah Stefanini, Publications and Meetings Coordinator, and the EMRA Board and membership for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to provide the following educational session:

- **SIM WARS- Simulation Competition as a Model for Learning Neurological Emergencies**
- **This meeting will be held on October 28, 2008 at the McCormick Place Convention Center, North Exhibit Hall, Room N228 from 1:30-4:30 pm.**

This educational session will create an active learning and competitive environment simulating fast decision making and method based approaches not always found in a traditional teaching simulation. It is our goal to improve the educational experience of emergency medicine residents, while incorporating the use of universally accepted and evidenced based approaches to management of neurological emergencies.

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 3.0 hours of category I CME credit.

We 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. A video of the competition and debriefing will be listed on the FERNE website, www.ferne.org.

Lastly, we would like to thank Ortho-McNeil, EKR Therapeutics, Inc. and The Medicines Company for their generous support for this educational session, funded via educational grants. In addition, we thank Laerdal Medical Corporation for providing the simulation model. Without support such as that granted by our sponsors, it would not be possible for FERNE to provide this innovative educational program.

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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