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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:

- **Putting Clinical Policies into Practice: Management of Neurological Emergencies**
- **This meeting will be held on May 16, 2009 at the Sheraton New Orleans, Rhythms Ballroom 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, from 12:30- 1:30 pm.**

This educational session will provide EM physicians with the skills necessary to develop documentation statements for reducing the risk in the management of patients with seizures and traumatic brain injury in the Emergency Department. The case conference will also focus on 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.

CME credit is available to physicians through Emergency Medicine Practice. **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. Thank you to EB Medicine, whose support allowed us to provide CME for this educational activity.

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](http://www.ferne.org), where over 400 lectures by over 180 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

FERNE's educational activities at this year's SAEM meeting are supported by Genentech, Inc., EKR Therapeutics, Inc., and The Medicines Company. Thanks to these companies for their support, without whom FERNE's educational activities would not be possible.

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

Sincerely,

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