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Dear Colleagues:

The Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is pleased to participate in the **EMA 2007 Advanced Emergency and Acute Care Medicine Conference** again this year. We would like to thank the EMA group for this opportunity, as well as Scott Serbin and Ed Kocher for their help with these programs.

Today FERNE is pleased to present two educational sessions related to the program titled: **“Optimal Blood Pressure Management in Emergency Department Patients with Hypertensive Emergencies and Stroke Syndromes”** This program will investigate the rationale for blood pressure management and treatment options available for ED patients who present in a hypertensive emergency and related stroke syndromes. As a result of attending these two sessions, you should be able to better understand the epidemiology and pathophysiology of patients with hypertensive emergencies and stroke syndromes. Additionally, you should also know how to optimally evaluate and manage these hypertensive emergency and stroke syndrome patients based on the current guidelines that govern their use. The two sessions related to this topic are as follows:

Epidemiology, ED Evaluation, Drug Rx, and Guidelines Lectures

Date: Monday, September 24, 2007
Time: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Room: Grand Ballroom C, Trump Taj Mahal Resort

Optimizing BP Rx in Hypertensive ED Patients: Case Presentations and Panel Discussion

Date: Monday, September 24, 2007
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Room: Maharajah Club, Trump Taj Mahal Resort

CME credit is available to physicians for the lectures through the conference. FERNE and the University of Illinois at Chicago are providing up to 2.0 hours of additional category I CME credit for the panel discussion. Please complete the CME forms required for the CME certificates, which will be mailed at a later date.

I believe you will find these sessions and educational materials relevant to your clinical practice. FERNE's intention is for you to take what you have learned back to your institutions and to present it to those who could not attend today. Included in the materials you have received today is a CD-ROM that contains links to all of the written materials and presentations that will be given here today.

If you are interested in the materials used during this meeting and other neurological emergencies materials, please explore our website, www.ferne.org, where more than 380 lectures by over 185 physicians are available for viewing and downloading at your own institutions in order to teach others.

Last but not least, FERNE would like to thank The Medicines Company for their generous support of this program, funded via an unrestricted educational grant. Without industry support such as that provided by The Medicines Company, it would not be possible to provide educational sessions such as these to you.

Thank you for joining us today. Enjoy these educational sessions.

Sincerely,

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