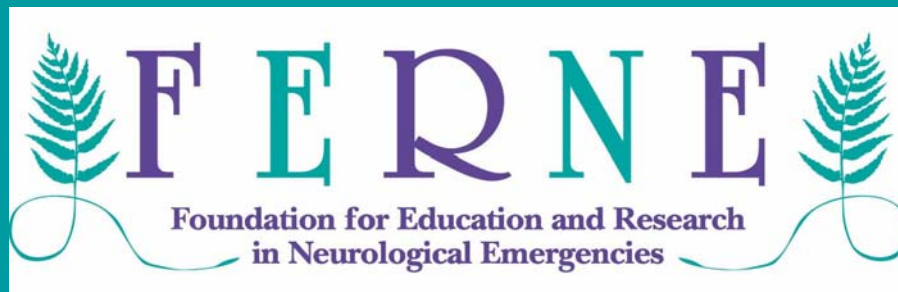


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Upcoming FERNE Events

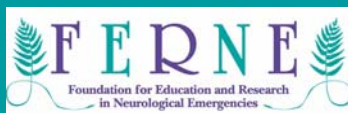
ACEP EM Spring Congress
April 19-21, 2006
Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

ACEP Advanced Pediatric
EM Assembly
April 24-26, 2006
Palmer House Hilton Hotel
Chicago, IL

SAEM Annual Meeting
May 18-21, 2006
San Francisco Marriott Hotel
San Francisco, CA

Clinical Decision-Making in EM:
An Evidence-Based Conference &
LLSA Review
June 15-17, 2006
Ponte Vedra Inn & Club
Ponte Vedra, FL

ACEP SIMEU Global
Emergency Medicine Conference
November 9-11, 2006
Lingotto Congressi
Torino, Italy



ACEP Spring Congress Edition

FERNE Hosts Ischemic Stroke Symposium

FERNE is pleased to be hosting a satellite symposium at this year's ACEP Spring Congress in Las Vegas, NV. FERNE would like to thank the ACEP Education Committee and the ACEP staff for their support of this symposium. Featured at this program will be **Peter Panagos, MD** from Brown University. The program will be hosted by FERNE Executive Board member and UIC faculty **Brad Bunney, MD**.

An opportunity to review and discuss the latest FERNE survey will also take place at this session. All are invited to attend. Lunch will be served. Up to 1.5 hours of Category 1 CME credit is being provided for this activity by the University of Illinois at Chicago. Materials from these meetings may be obtained at the lunch meeting, via the CD provided, or on line at www.FERNE.org.

***“ED Stroke Patient Management
in the 21st Century”***

***“Stroke Care: A Systems Approach for the
Emergency Physician”***

“New Frontiers in Ischemic Stroke Therapy”

Date: Thursday, April 20th, 2006

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Room: Tradewinds CD
Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino

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Two FERNE Grants Result in Research Success

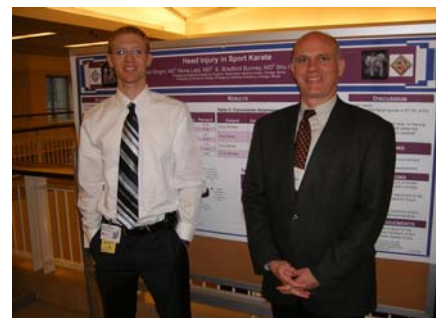
Ross to Present TIA Study at SAEM Plenary Session

Michael Ross, MD, from William Beaumont Hospital, received the 2003-2004 FERNE/EMF Directed Neurological Emergencies \$50,000 grant. His research, **“The Emergency Department Transient Ischemic Attack Accelerated Diagnostic Protocol”** was one of only five abstracts selected from hundreds of submitted abstracts for presentation at the 2006 SAEM Annual Meeting. Dr. Ross is pictured below presenting his TIA lecture at the AAEM Mediterranean Conference in 2005. Congrats!



Wright Poster Wins ICEP Research Award

Jarrod Wright, MD of the Resurrection Emergency Medicine Residency and **Mona Lal, MD** of the University of Illinois Residency received a \$5,000 FERNE Seed Grant to study **“Head Injury in Sport Karate”**. Dr. Wright, pictured below with Brad Bunney, MD, recently presented the results of their work at the most recent Illinois College of Emergency Physician's Spring Symposium. His poster presentation won him a research award. Congratulations to all involved for their hard work!





FERNE Facts

What is FERNE?

The Foundation for the Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is an independent not-for-profit organization committed improving the care of patients who present to the ED with neurological emergencies.

FERNE was founded by Emergency Physicians and is governed by an Executive Board comprised of Board Certified Emergency Medicine Physicians.

FERNE Statistics:

To date, FERNE has:

- Provided 55 meetings:
 - 47 national & 8 international
- Given 368 Educational Lectures
- Presented 14 Research Lectures
- Collaborated with 174 lecturers
- Has provided CME to over 1000 physicians and other professionals, and over 1000 physician CME contact hours during 2005-2006
- FERNE educational courses and lectures have been evaluated as good or excellent by 97% of attendees

FERNE Content Use & CME:

Content that has been presented at FERNE sponsored events can be found in its entirety on the FERNE website at www.ferne.org. In addition to written materials, the actual lecture of each speaker can be downloaded and/or viewed at your convenience. The written materials also can be printed for your use or to use in educating others.

Selected FERNE lectures may also be available for CME credit through our partnership with EmedHome at www.EMedHome.com.

YOUR Participation in FERNE:

If you are interested in participating in future program development, or to participate as a lecturer/instructor, please send an email to ferne@ferne.org or edsloan@uic.edu. Thanks!

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FERNE Educates at 12th Annual AAEM SA

Two Sessions Address Stroke Systems, Scales, and Latest Stroke Care Strategies

FERNE would like to thank **Antoine Kazzi, MD, Ghazala Sharieff, MD, Joe Lex, MD**, and the AAEM Education Committee for the opportunity to collaborate with the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) in presenting two courses that address stroke care systems and acute stroke care.

It was a pleasure to present the lunch and breakfast sessions, titled:

Ischemic Stroke Care: A Systems Approach for the Emergency Physician

New Frontiers in Ischemic Stroke Therapy

FERNE wishes to thank AstraZeneca for providing the unrestricted educational grant via the independent AstraZeneca grant system that supported this meeting.

Final Brain Injury Course in Series Offered with New FERNE Faculty Scott Weingart, MD

FERNE was pleased to offer the final presentation of the Brain Injury Course, which included new FERNE faculty **Scott Weingart, MD**, from the Mt Sinai School of Medicine. He brought expertise in the area of spine injury and TBI, learned during a fellowship at Shock/Trauma in Maryland.

The Brain Injury Course is a focused session that addresses evaluation of patients with coma, spine and traumatic brain injury, SAH, ICH, seizures and SE, ischemic stroke, and CNS infections.

The course focuses on the "procedures" used to optimize the care of these patients, taking a surgeon's approach to treating neurological emergency patients in the ED.

FERNE would like to thank Novo Nordisk for the unrestricted educational grant that supported the development and presentation of the brain injury course series in 2005 and 2006.

Andy Asimos, MD is the Latest FERNE/EMF Grant Award Recipient

FERNE would like to congratulate **Andrew Asimos, MD** from Carolinas Medical Center, who is the recipient of the FERNE/EMF Directed Neurological Emergencies grant for 2006-2007. His research is titled, "**A Prospective Validation Study of the ABCD Score and Kaiser Criteria for Short-term Stroke Risk after Emergency Department Diagnosis of TIA**".

FERNE would also like to thank the **Janet McEwen, Matt Vinson, ACEP**, and the Emergency Medicine Foundation for their support of the FERNE/EMF grant process.

EMF: Dedicated to the promotion of education and research in emergency medicine

FERNE to Introduce Brain Injury Course to EM Residency Directors

FERNE would like to thank the SAEM program committee, **Mary Ann Schropp**, and the SAEM staff for the opportunity to present a satellite at this year's annual meeting in San Francisco.

The breakfast meeting is from 6 and 8 am on Friday, May 19th. The meeting will include a brief presentation of the materials contained in the BIC, as well as a discussion of how this course can be implemented in EM residency programs in order to establish competency among EM residents in caring for patients with neurological emergencies. All residency director, FERNE advisory board members, and interested educators are invited to attend.

Please go to the FERNE website at www.ferne.org to view more details about this unique program as it develops.

The Foundation for the Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is an independent, 501C3 not-for-profit organization committed to the following principles:

- Patients with neurological emergencies deserve quality emergency care.
- The emergency care for neurological emergencies can be enhanced through quality scientific research.
- Emergency medical care providers can provide optimal medical care for patients with neurological emergencies through participation in quality medical education that highlights state-of-the-art neurological care.

"Dedicated to improving the care of patients with neurological emergencies"

10 Year Anniversary 1997-2007