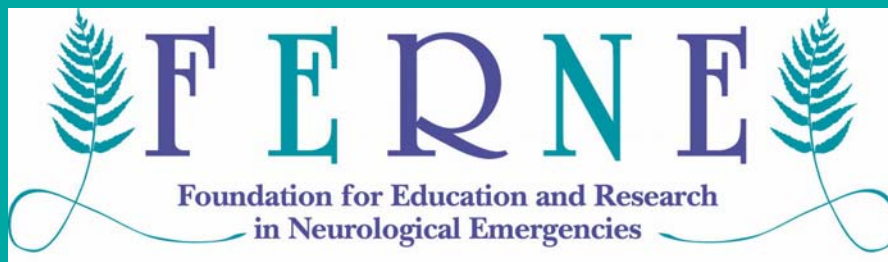


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## @ A Glance

### Upcoming FERNE Events

EMRA SA Activities  
October 15-18, 2006  
Hilton New Orleans Hotel  
New Orleans, LA



ACEP Scientific Assembly  
October 15-18, 2006  
New Orleans Marriott Hotel  
New Orleans, LA



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



IEME & Washington ACEP's  
Current Concepts in EM Care  
December 4-9, 2006  
Wailea Marriott  
Maui, Hawaii



## *EMRA Special Edition* FERNE Presents TIA, CVA, & ICH Patient Case Conference

FERNE would like to thank EMRA and its staff for giving FERNE the opportunity to present a case conference titled:

“Case Studies in ED Patients with Cerebrovascular Emergencies: TIA, CVA, and ICH”.

**Monday, October 16,  
2006**

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Room HEC B**

**Hilton New Orleans  
Riverside Hotel**



Topics include:

“Can we risk stratify ED TIA patients for outpatient treatment?”

“What must we be able to do in order to provide tPA in the ED (mimickers, stroke scales, and CT interpretation), and what other stroke therapies can be used?”

“What is the disease progression in ICH, and how do we treat ICH patients with an elevated INR?”

All are welcome to attend, and lunch provided on a first come, first served basis. CME will be provided through the UIC at Chicago. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, please go to [www.ferne.org](http://www.ferne.org).

*FERNE wishes to thank AstraZeneca LP for supporting this conference via an unrestricted MEGO educational grant.*

## FERNE to Present ACEP Symposium Highlighting AED Use in Seizure, SE Patients

FERNE is pleased to participate again in this year's ACEP Scientific Assembly in New Orleans. FERNE will present:

**The Management of ED Seizure and Status Epilepticus Patients: *The Role of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Anti-epileptic Drugs in 2007***

*FERNE wishes to thank Eisai, Inc. for supporting this satellite symposium via an unrestricted educational grant via the independent Eisai grant application system.*

**Sunday, October 15, 2006  
6:00 am to 8:00 am**

**Mardi Gras Salon E**

**New Orleans Marriot Hotel**



## FERNE Facts



### What is FERNE?

The Foundation for the Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is an independent not-for-profit organization committed to 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 62 meetings: 53 national & 9 international
- Given 400 Educational Lectures
- Presented 14 Research Lectures
- Collaborated with 180 lecturers
- Has provided CME to over 3200 physicians and other professionals, and over 7500 physician CME contact hours from 1997 to 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](http://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](http://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 email [ferne@ferne.org](mailto:ferne@ferne.org) or [edsloan@uic.edu](mailto:edsloan@uic.edu). Thanks!

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# Emergency Medicine Resident Q and A: Who, What and Why FERNE?

## Who and What is FERNE?

FERNE is a group of academic emergency physicians that has an interest in promoting research and education in the area of neurological emergencies. There are both an executive board and a larger advisory board that provide input into the goals and activities that FERNE pursues in support of its mission.

In essence, FERNE is a medical education group that provides medical education for emergency physicians by emergency physicians. The goal of these efforts is excellence in the acute care of ED neurological emergency patients.

## In What Ways Does FERNE Promote Excellence in Neurological Emergency Patient Care?

FERNE pursues the following efforts:

- Case-based educational conferences.
- Concise answers to clinical questions.
- Free access to internet archives.
- Technology use in education.
- Research funding via EMF.
- Pilot research funding via FERNE.
- Neurological emergencies advocacy.
- Participation in guideline development.
- Enhancing awareness & collaboration.

## How Does FERNE Support Itself?

FERNE was originally endowed funds to start this educational foundation for emergency physicians. Since that time, FERNE has been granted unrestricted educational grant funds, primarily from the pharmaceutical industry, in order to educate regarding disease states such as seizure, stroke, and traumatic brain injury. The ultimate goal is to obtain federal funding that supports the FERNE website and education in all of its venues.

## How Can I Get Involved with FERNE's Efforts?

FERNE is eager to have EM residents and faculty as well as EM practitioners present cases at its case conferences and national meetings. If you have an interesting case that can be used to educate your peers on the optimal management of ED patients with neurological emergencies (for example, from the CPC competition), please contact FERNE to see if the case can be presented and/or posted on the FERNE website. For example of educational case presentations, please go to [www.ferne.org](http://www.ferne.org).

## FERNE/EMF Award Recipient Ross Wins SAEM Best Clinical Paper Award

FERNE would like to congratulate **Michael Ross, MD** for his best faculty presentation award at the 2006 SAEM meeting in San Francisco, CA. His presentation, titled: "**An ED Diagnostic Protocol for Patients with TIA: A Randomized Controlled Trial**", was presented as part of the meeting's plenary research presentation session. FERNE looks forward to the publication of his work with fellow authors Drs. **Compton, Kilowski, Medado, and O'Neil** from William Beaumont Hospital. Job well done!

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

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

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