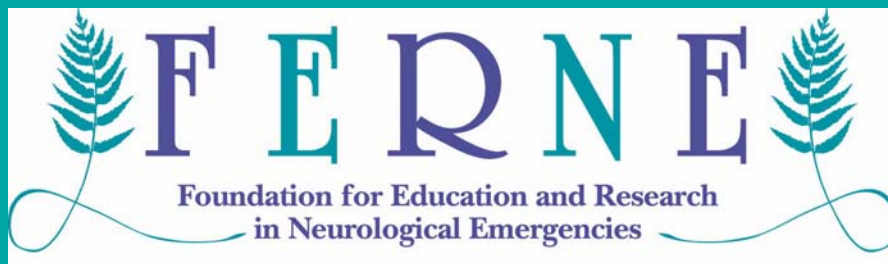


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Recent FERNE Educational Meetings

EuSEM
4th European Congress
October 4-8, 2006
Heraklion-Crete, Greece



**EMRA SA Activities &
ACEP Scientific Assembly**
October 15-18, 2006
New Orleans, LA



SIMEU/ACEP
Emergency Medicine Congress
November 9-11, 2006
Lingotto Congressi



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



New Year's Special Edition FERNE Celebrates 10 Years of Emergency Medicine Service in 2007

FERNE is pleased in 2007 to be celebrating 10 years of service to neurological emergency patients who present to the Emergency Department in need of urgent care and to the Emergency Medicine experts who are dedicated to providing that care with excellence.

**Special thanks to all of
the individuals and
organizations who have
provided support to
FERNE's advocacy,
educational, and
research efforts over
the past 10 years.**

FERNE would like to acknowledge the hard work and consistent support of the staffs and members of the following organizations:

**American Academy of Emergency Medicine
American College of Emergency Physicians
Emergency Medical Associates
Emergency Medicine Foundation
Emergency Medicine Residents' Association
European Society for Emergency Medicine
Illinois College of Emergency Medicine
Institute for Emergency Medical Education
New York ACEP**

Without the help of these organizations, it would not have been possible for FERNE to fulfill its mission of improving the care of emergency patients who present with neurological emergencies during the past decade.

For more information regarding FERNE's work, please go to www.ferne.org.

Top FERNE 2005-06 Achievements

Ross Best Clinical Paper Award

FERNE grant recipient Michael Ross won the SAEM Best Paper Award in 2006 for his work on the ED evaluation of TIA patients.

AAEM Work in the US and Abroad

The AAEM educational programs allowed FERNE to educate the largest numbers of EM physicians interested in neurological emergencies patient care.

International EM Activities

FERNE was pleased to be able to work with AAEM, EuSEM, SIMEU, and Emergency Medicine physicians in France, Greece and Italy.

EMRA/EM Resident Collaboration

FERNE is pleased to work with EM residents and resident educators, the core group with whom FERNE started its work.

ACEP SA, Spring, & Pediatric Meetings

The greatest number of national FERNE meetings have been successfully conducted with ACEP and its state chapters.

Work with Regional EM Groups

FERNE enjoys working with local other foundations such as IEME, the Clinical Decision Making in EM group, and practice groups such as EMA.

Pharmaceutical Industry Collaboration

FERNE gratefully acknowledges the support of Astra Zeneca, Eisai, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, and UCB Pharma, with whom FERNE's mission has been achieved.

Brain Injury Course Development

In concert with EM residency directors, SAEM, and with Novo Nordisk support, FERNE now has a BIC for ongoing use.

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 64 meetings:
54 national & 10 international
- Given 400+ Educational Lectures
- Presented 14 Research Lectures
- Collaborated with 180+ lecturers
- Has provided CME to over 3500 physicians and other professionals, and over 8000 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 Educational Content

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 email ferne@ferne.org or edsloan@uic.edu. Thanks!

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Who, What and Why FERNE?

Who and What is FERNE?

FERNE is a group of emergency physicians that promotes the optimal care of ED patients who present with neurological emergencies. Both the executive board and the larger advisory board include emergency physicians that provide input into FERNE's mission and work.

In essence, FERNE is an advocacy group of emergency physicians that provides guideline development, medical education and research support for providers of

How Does FERNE Promote Excellence in Emergency Patient Care?

FERNE pursues the following activities:

- Case-based educational conferences.
- Concise, relevant answers to clinically relevant patient care questions.
- Free access to internet resources.
- Research funding via EMF.
- Pilot research funding via FERNE.
- Neurological emergencies advocacy.
- Participation in guideline development.

FERNE Goals for 2007: EM Resident Education & EM Residency Competency Tools Development

EMRA Collaboration at National and Regional Meetings

FERNE's roots go back to the resident case-based educational courses the began as satellite programs at SAEM meetings in the 1990's. In collaboration with EMRA President **Aisha Liferidge, MD** and Vice-President **Andrew Zinkel, MD**, FERNE would like to present not only at the ACEP SA meeting, but at regional and state meetings in order to make it possible for a greater number of EM residents to benefit from our collaboration.

Neurological Emergency Competency Tools Development

FERNE looks forward to working with CORD-EM and Emergency Medicine residency directors in the development of educational materials and electronic testing programs that will allow EM residencies to establish competency in the area of neurological emergencies. Based on the Brain Injury Course already available at www.ferne.org, the goal is to develop computer-based teaching and testing tools that will allow residents and programs to establish competency in a systematic way. This work, which could result in NINDS grant funding, could enhance EM resident training, ease the burden of proving competency by EM residency directors, and improve ED patient care. CT reading tools are already in development with **Joshua Broder, MD**, through a FERNE pilot grant.

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

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

10 Year Anniversary 1997-2007