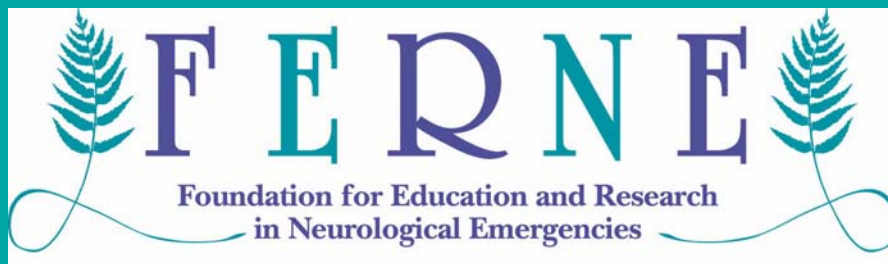


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## FERNE Upcoming Events

FERNE  
10 Anniversary Planning  
Session and Celebration  
May 15, 2007  
Chicago, IL



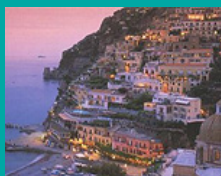
EMRA Seizure & SE Clinical  
Policies Session  
May 18, 2007  
Chicago, IL



Clinical Decisions in Emergency  
Medicine Stroke Care Session  
June 22, 2007  
Ponte Vedra, FL



AAEM MEMC IV Brain Illness  
and Injury Course  
September 15-19 2007  
Sorrento, Italy



## 10 Year Anniversary Special Edition FERNE Holds Long Range Planning Session & Celebrates 10 Years of Education, Research, and Advocacy

FERNE is pleased to be able to celebrate 10 years of educational activities, research support, and advocacy for improving the care of patients who present to the Emergency Department with neurological emergencies.

As part of this activity, FERNE will hold a long range planning meeting that will explore the best way in which to improve FERNE's efforts in the future.

This special long range planning session is being held on May 15, 2007 during the time of the SAEM Annual Meeting.

### Long Range Planning Session Supporters

Adam Williams Initiative  
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Emergency Medical Associates  
Clinical Decisions Consortium

*FERNE graciously acknowledges  
the supporters of the long range  
planning session .*

Topics to be discussed during this planning session include the following:

**“How can a core curriculum in the acute care of patients with neurological emergencies be developed?”**

**“What is the best mechanism by which this information can be provided to Emergency Medicine practitioners, educators, and resident physicians?”**

**“How can FERNE best interact with EM organizations, advocacy groups, industry, and EM residencies in order to improve the care of patients with neurological emergencies?”**

**“What role can the new NETT research group and government agencies play in these educational and research efforts?”**

FERNE wishes to thank in advance all of the individuals and organizations that made this long range planning session possible, especially those who participated in this important activity on May 15.

Please go to the FERNE website [www.ferne.org](http://www.ferne.org) for more information on the results of this long range planning activity.

## FERNE Presents Seizure Clinical Policies Educational Session with EMRA

FERNE is conducting an educational session with EMRA at the SAEM Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois on Friday, May 18 in Ballroom 5 of the Sheraton Hotel from 12 noon until 1:30 pm. This session, which will discuss with Emergency Medicine residents the purpose of clinical policies and guidelines, with focus on improving the care of seizure and status epilepticus patients. Thanks to Drs. **Huff, Jagoda, Liferidge, Prendergast and Zinkel** for their educational efforts, and to **UCB Pharma** for their support of the meeting.

## 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 65 meetings:  
55 national & 10 international
- Given 400+ Educational Lectures
- Presented 14 Research Lectures
- Collaborated with 180+ lecturers
- Has provided CME to over 3300 physicians and other professionals, and over 7600 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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## FERNE Questions and Answers: *Who, What and Why FERNE?*

### Who and What is FERNE?

FERNE is a group of emergency physicians that promotes 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 and research support for emergency physicians by emergency physicians. The goal is excellence in the acute care of ED neurological emergency patients in order to improve patient outcomes.

### 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.

### FERNE Advanced Stroke Care Session at Clinical Decisions In Emergency Medicine Meeting

FERNE is pleased to be conducting an educational session with the Clinical Decisions Consortium at their 2007 meeting in Ponte Vedra, Florida on Friday, June 22. This session will focus on improving the advanced care of ischemic stroke patients. FERNE wishes to thank **Concentric Medical** for their support of the meeting, which will explore issues related to therapies beyond IV tPA, and the need for accessing them in order to optimize the care of ED stroke patients. ([www.clinicaldecisionmaking.com](http://www.clinicaldecisionmaking.com))

### FERNE Brain Illness and Injury Course to be Held at Fourth AAEM Mediterranean Conference (MEMC IV)

FERNE will be presenting a full day Brain Injury and Illness Course at AAEM's MEMC IV meeting in Sorrento, Italy on Saturday September 15, 2007. This course will focus on the enhancing the clinical skills that are critical to improving the care of ED patients who present with the eight most important neurological emergencies. ([www.aaem.org](http://www.aaem.org))

### FERNE/EMF Grant Award Recipient Ross Publishes Emergency Department TIA Patient Protocol Study

FERNE would like to congratulate **Michael Ross, MD** for his best faculty presentation award at the 2006 SAEM meeting in San Francisco, CA and his publication of the work, "**An ED Diagnostic Protocol for Patients with TIA: A Randomized Controlled Trial**". Dr. Ross and fellow authors Drs. **Compton, Kilowski, Medado, and O'Neil** from William Beaumont Hospital are recognized in the **Annals of Emergency Medicine** publication and in a press release available at [www.acep.org](http://www.acep.org). 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

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