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Dear Colleagues:

The Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is pleased to participate for the first time at this year's New York American College of Emergency Physicians 2006 Scientific Assembly. We would like to thank the NY ACEP Educational Committee, as well as Joanne Tarantelli and the NY ACEP staff for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to support portions of the educational program, including Dr. Daniel Labovitz's lectures on Stroke Management Update and TIA, the panel discussion on Neurovascular Emergencies, my lecture on Seizures and SE, and Dr. Andy Jagoda's lectures on Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychiatric Emergencies.

We welcome you to attend our satellite session on Friday from **7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the Nirvana Room** where we will present "**Stroke 2006: Optimal ED Patient Management Strategies - An Interactive Case Conference**". This meeting will discuss a systematic approach to the treatment of stroke patients, including issues such as EMS triage, the utility of the NIHSS, Modified Rankin Scale, and Barthel Index in the management & treatment of stroke patients, an update on the use of tPA in the ED, as well as the latest diagnostic and therapeutic modalities for treating stroke patients. This session will include an audience response system, making your participation meaningful and robust.

CME will be provided through the regular NY ACEP process for all of these educational programs.

We believe you will find these programs educational and relevant to your clinical practice. FERNE's intention is for you to take the materials from these meetings back to your programs 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 PowerPoint presentations that will be given here today. If you are interested in the materials used during this meeting, please explore our website, www.ferne.org, where over 377 lectures by over 177 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

In order for FERNE to be able to provide physicians with the educational experiences they desire, we ask that you provide feedback to our programs by having you complete the blue FERNE evaluation form and the FERNE survey, both of which are included in your packets.

Lastly, we would like to thank AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP for their generous support of our work at this NY ACEP meeting, funded via an unrestricted educational grant. Without industry support such as that provided by AstraZeneca, it would not be possible for FERNE to provide these educational sessions to you.

Thank you for taking the time to review our FERNE materials. Enjoy the meeting and our FERNE sponsored programs and lectures.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Sloan, MD, MPH