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Dear Colleagues:

The Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is pleased to participate again in this year's ACEP Scientific Assembly. We would like to thank the Dr. Promes, ACEP Educational Committee, and the ACEP staff for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to provide:

- **The Management of ED Seizure and Status Epilepticus Patients: The Role of 1st and 2nd Generation Anti-epileptic Drugs in 2007**
- **This meeting will be held at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, Room Mardi Gras Salon E from 6:00 am – 8:00 am.**

This educational session will discuss ED seizure and SE patient treatment in light of the fact that there are now both 1st and 2nd generation anti-epileptic drugs for parenteral use in the ED, and that many epilepsy patients are being treated long-term with both AED types. To begin the meeting, the emergency physician's perspective on ED priorities and AED use will be discussed based on the available medical literature and current clinical guidelines will be reviewed. The neurologist's perspective on the management of seizure and SE patients in the ED and the optimal use of AEDs, especially the 2nd generations AEDs, based on drug characteristics will then be reviewed and discussed. Lastly, the emergency physician's role in optimizing AED use in ED seizure and SE patients in collaboration with our neurology consultants will be discussed with the panel and those in the audience.

CME credit is available to physicians through the University of Illinois at Chicago. **Please complete both an evaluation form and a request for CME form** (both are included in your packet) and turn them in to the FERNE staff in order to receive up to a maximum of 2.0 hours of category I CME credit. 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 FERNE evaluation forms and the FERNE survey, both of which are included in your meeting folders.

We believe you will find these programs educational and relevant to your clinical practice. FERNE's hope is that you will be able to use these materials in your own institutions or EM residency programs to educate those who could not attend today. Included in your meeting materials is a CD-ROM that contains links to all of the PowerPoint presentations, written materials, and audio and video from these presentations. If you are interested in other materials from this and other meetings, please explore our website, www.ferne.org, where over 400 lectures by over 180 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

Lastly, we would like to thank Eisai, Inc. for their generous support of our work at this meeting, funded via an unrestricted educational grant. Without support such as that granted by Eisai, it would not be possible for FERNE to consistently provide programs such as these educational sessions to you over the past 10 years.

Thank you again for taking the time to support FERNE's educational efforts.

Sincerely,

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