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Dear Colleagues:

The Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is pleased to participate again in the Clinical Decision Making In Emergency Medicine: An Evidence-Based Conference again this year. We would like to thank Andy Jagoda and the whole Clinical Decisions Conference Committee for this opportunity.

Today's session, titled "**ED Ischemic Stroke Patient Care: Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics**", will include both a **didactic session from 4 to 6 pm** during which FERNE will be archiving formal presentations and a **dinner session from 6 to 830 pm** that will include a case presentation and panel discussion. Both session will be held in the **main conference room on Friday June 22, 2007**.

The objectives for this session focus on identifying the key concepts that drive optimal ED stroke patient care, stroke systems, EMS triage and ED transfer of stroke patients, and the optimal use of advanced diagnostics and therapeutics in utilizing IV tPA and referring these patients for interventional radiology diagnostics and therapeutics.

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 an additional 2.0 hours of neurological emergency-related CME for participating in the didactic session. (The 2.0 hours for the dinner session is included in the conference CME total hours). 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 this meeting folder.

We believe you will find this material educational and relevant to your clinical practice. FERNE's intention is for you to take these materials 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. We encourage you to use these learning tools at your own institutions to teach others.

FERNE has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to EM physicians and their educational needs. In doing so, we have consistently offered educational materials free of charge while expanding the scope of how practitioners are reached. If you are interested in the materials used during this meeting, please explore our website, www.ferne.org, where over 400 lectures by over 180 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

Last but not least, we would like to heartily thank Concentric Medical for their generous support of this program, funded via an unrestricted educational grant. Without industry support such as this provided by Concentric Medical, it would not be possible to provide this educational session to you in such an enjoyable and meaningful manner.

Thank you for joining us today. Enjoy the meeting.

Sincerely,

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