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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 Emergency Medical Associates Advanced Emergency and Acute Care Medicine Conference. We would like to thank the EMA Educational Committee, EMA Director of Education and Research Scott Serbin, and Drs. Dalsey and Gerardi for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to support two panels at this meeting, including:

- **Today's (Tues Sept 26th) panel "Case Studies in the ED Management of TIA, Ischemic Stroke, and Hemorrhagic Stroke Patients" from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.**
- **Tomorrow's (Wed, Sept 27th) panel "Optimal Management of ED Headache Patients with Suspected SAH" from 9:00 to 10:00 am.**

We welcome you to also attend our satellite session tonight (Tuesday) from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Carmine's Restaurant in the downstairs meeting room** where we will present **"Update on IV tPA and Other Treatments for ED Ischemic Stroke Patients"**.

These three educational programs will expand the knowledge of Emergency Medicine practitioners regarding the optimal management of patient who present with transient ischemic attacks, ischemic stroke, and hemorrhagic stroke. It is our goal to create a learning environment in which participants are able to answer clinically relevant questions through directed didactic presentations and robust discussions of the issues and information that guide our medical decision making in the Emergency Department,

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 5.0 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 378 lectures by over 180 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

Lastly, we would like to thank AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP for their generous support of our work at this meeting, funded via an unrestricted educational grant. Without support such as that granted by AstraZeneca, 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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