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Dear Emergency Medicine Residents and Residency Directors:

As the Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) approaches its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are pleased to participate again in this year's EMRA activities. FERNE's roots are with EMRA and our combined neurological case conferences. We would like to thank the EMRA Board, EMRA Executive Director Michele Byers, and all of the EMRA and ACEP staff for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to provide the following case conference, titled:

- **Case Studies in ED Patients with Cerebrovascular Emergencies: TIA, CVA, ICH**
- **This meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Room HEC B from 11:30 am – 13:00 pm.**

This case conference will address the acute management in the ED of patients who present with TIA, CVA, and ICH. The case presentation will include the use of an audience response system, clinically relevant questions, brief presentations by EM residency directors and experts in the field of optimal neurological emergencies management, and audience participation to make the session enjoyable and clinically useful.

CME credit is available to all eligible 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](http://www.ferne.org), where over 400 lectures by over 180 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

Lastly, we would like to thank AstraZeneca LP. for their generous support this symposium, 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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