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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 SAEM Annual Meeting. We would like to thank Michele Byers, EMRA Executive Director, and the EMRA staff for this opportunity.

FERNE is pleased to provide:

- **Exploring the Clinical Policies that Guide Emergency Physicians in the Diagnosis and Treatment of ED Seizure and Status Epilepticus Patients**
- **This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Room Ballroom 5 from 12:00 pm – 13:30 pm.**

This educational session will identify what clinical policies are, how they are developed, and which guidelines are available to guide the EM physician in the treatment of patients with seizures and SE, the diagnosis and management of seizures and status epilepticus.

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 1.5 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 UCB, Pharma. for their generous support of our work at this meeting, funded via an educational grant. Without support such as that granted by UCB, 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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