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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 the Clinical Decisions Conference Committee for this opportunity.

Today, we will have a dinner session from **7 to 10 p.m. in Terrace "A"** where we will examine "**Stroke Care 2006: Clinical Consensus and Opportunities**". This information will discuss a systematic approach to the treatment of stroke patients – included will be an evaluation of the role of tertiary and stroke centers, prehospital triage, and ED patient transfer in the management of acute stroke patients. Then the role of stroke scales in the ED evaluation of stroke patients will be discussed, including the role of the NIHSS in the ED and making sense of the Modified Rankin Scale and Barthel Index as they relate to stroke clinical trials. Finally, there will be discussion that will include the most recent literature on thrombolysis and the newest therapeutic modalities being tested. In addition, the latest radiological technologies - both diagnostic and interventional - will be discussed.

CME credit is available to physicians through the host group, Sterling Healthcare, for up to a maximum of 3.0 hours of category I CME credit. Please complete their forms as required for your CME certificates.

In order for FERNE to be able to provide physicians with the educational experiences they desire, we need to obtain your feedback by having you complete the FERNE evaluation form and the FERNE survey in your packets.

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 368 lectures by over 174 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

Lastly, we would like to thank AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP for their generous support of this program, funded via an unrestricted educational grant. Without industry support such as that provided by AstraZeneca, it would not be possible to provide this educational session to you.

Thank you for joining us today. Enjoy the meeting.

Sincerely,

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