“Burke Rehabilitation Center and Hospital for Special Surgery to Host Free Brain Health Seminar on April 3rd”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – March 6, 2014 -- Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, in conjunction with Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) in New York City, the leader in orthopedics, will host a free program on boosting brain health from 10 a.m. to noon on April 3 in the Rosedale Conference Room of the Billings Building on Burke’s main campus at 785 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains.

The co-sponsored program will feature presentations by Mark Herceg, Ph.D., director of Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital; Pasquale Fonzetti, M.D., associate director of Burke’s Memory Evaluation & Treatment Service (METS), and Dana Pitman, MS, RD, CDN, clinical nutritionist at Hospital for Special Surgery. The seminar will feature informative presentations on boosting brain health, the aging brain, memory issues, signs and symptoms of dementia, and nutrition for improving brain health.

According to Mary Beth Walsh, M.D., CEO and executive medical director of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, “This free educational program being held jointly by Burke and Hospital for Special Surgery demonstrates both organizations’ commitment to community education programs and reinforces the working relationship the two hospitals have shared for many years.”

For more information about the Memory and Brain Health program or to register for the event, please call (914) 597-2848. Seating is limited and registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

About Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital. Founded in 1915, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to rehabilitation medicine. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or joint replacement surgery. The hospital is part of Burke Rehabilitation Center, which also includes Burke Medical Research Institute and Burke’s Outpatient Division.
Burke's world-renowned doctors and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment while its research scientists explore the frontiers of neurological and rehabilitation medicine. All share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury regardless of their ability to pay. For additional information on Burke Rehabilitation Center, please visit www.burke.org.

**About Hospital for Special Surgery**

Founded in 1863, Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) is a world leader in orthopedics, rheumatology and rehabilitation. HSS is nationally ranked No. 1 in orthopedics, No. 4 in rheumatology, and No. 5 in geriatrics by *U.S. News & World Report* (2013-14), and is the first hospital in New York State to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Service from the American Nurses Credentialing Center three consecutive times. HSS has one of the lowest infection rates in the country. From 2007 to 2012, HSS has been a recipient of the HealthGrades Joint Replacement Excellence Award. HSS is a member of the NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System and an affiliate of Weill Cornell Medical College and as such all Hospital for Special Surgery medical staff are faculty of Weill Cornell. The hospital's research division is internationally recognized as a leader in the investigation of musculoskeletal and autoimmune diseases. Hospital for Special Surgery is located in New York City and online at www.hss.edu.

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