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“Director of Burke Medical Research Institute Available for Interviews at Oxidative Stress & Disease Gordon Research Conference”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – February 12, 2015 — Rajiv R. Ratan, M.D., Ph.D., the Executive Director of the Burke Medical Research Institute in White Plains, NY and Associate Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City, will serve as the chair for the Oxidative Stress & Disease Gordon Research Conference from March 1 – 6 in Ventura, CA. During that time, Dr. Ratan will be available for interviews to discuss the information being presented at the conference and its significance in the field of rehabilitation research.

“This important international meeting will focus on oxidative stress, aging and disease and bring together junior and senior investigators from around the globe who are focused on the biology and therapeutics of oxidant and antioxidants,” said Dr. Ratan.

Dr. Ratan has been the director of the Burke Medical Research Institute since 2002. In association with Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and Weill Cornell Medical College, the Research Institute aims to develop game-changing approaches to treating neurological illness and injuries and reducing disability. During his tenure at Burke, Dr. Ratan has recruited and retained many of the top scientists that now make up the Research Institute staff.

Dr. Ratan received his B.A. in Neuroscience from Amherst College and went on to obtain his M.D. and Ph.D. at the New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Ratan completed his neurology residency at Johns Hopkins University and later set up The Neuroprotection Laboratory in the Department of Neurology and Neuroscience at Harvard Medical School. His areas of expertise include rehabilitation medicine research, brain injury and brain repair, stroke, spinal cord injury and neurological diseases such as Huntington’s disease, Parkinson’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease.

To speak with Dr. Ratan regarding the conference or the research being conducted at the Burke Medical Research Institute, please contact Richard Sgaglio at (914) 597-2491 or Marisa Iallonardo at (914) 597-2877.
About Burke Medical Research Institute

Burke Medical Research Institute is part of the Burke Rehabilitation Center, which also comprises the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital. The hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital that is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to rehabilitation medicine. Founded in 1915, Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs for those who have experienced a disabling illness, traumatic injury or joint replacement surgery. Along with the hospital’s world-renowned doctors and therapists providing state-of-the-art-treatment, Burke Medical Research Institute scientists explore the frontiers of 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 burke.org.

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