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“BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL’S DR. BARRY JORDAN TO RECEIVE CHAMPION OF HOPE AWARD FROM BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – Oct. 1, 2013 – Burke Rehabilitation Hospital has announced that Barry Jordan, M.D., MPH, assistant medical director, will be honored with the 2013 Champion of Hope Award by the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) at the organization’s annual gala to be held on Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Slate Restaurant (54 West 21st Street) in New York City.

Dr. Jordan is a renowned neurologist who has been with Burke since 1999, first as an attending neurologist and then director of Burke’s inpatient Brain Injury program and medical director of the Memory Evaluation and Treatment program. Earlier this year, Dr. Jordan was promoted to assistant medical director while continuing to serve as director of the Brain Injury program.

“For more than a decade Dr. Jordan has been an invaluable member of the Burke Rehabilitation team,” says Mary Beth Walsh, M.D., Burke’s CEO and executive medical director. “He has expanded our brain injury services, helped improve patient outcomes and had a positive impact on patients’ lives. Additionally, his work with the Brain Injury Association of New York State as an advocate for patients with brain injuries has been influential and he is very deserving of this award.”

Dr. Jordan has extensive experience in the diagnosis and treatment of brain injuries including concussion and chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a progressive degenerative disease affecting individuals with a history of multiple concussions or other head trauma, sometimes seen in professional athletes such as football, rugby, hockey and soccer players as well as boxers.

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Outside of his work at Burke, Dr. Jordan is heavily involved in the welfare of athletes. He serves as the chief medical officer of the New York State Athletic Commission, team physician for U.S.A. Boxing, and a member of the National Football League (NFL) Players Association Mackey-White Traumatic Brain Injury Committee and the NCAA Concussion Task Force. He is also an associate professor of Clinical Neurology at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Dr. Jordan graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor’s in neurophysiology and obtained his medical doctorate from Harvard Medical School. Dr. Jordan completed an internship in internal medicine at the University of California-Los Angeles Medical Center and performed his neurology residency training at the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center. Dr. Jordan and his wife Ruby reside in White Plains.

A statewide, non-profit membership organization, the BIANYS provides help and hope for individuals with brain injury and their families. The Association is the premier support and advocacy organization in New York State for those thrust into the often confusing and overwhelming world of brain injury. BIANYS is privileged to work with our wounded veterans who have sustained brain injury in the service of our nation, and their families. Through its extensive education and information resources, training, public education, advocacy, chapters and support groups, and family support services, BIANYS assures no one is forced to face the trauma of brain injury alone. For more information about the BIANYS gala honoring Dr. Jordan, please visit its website at www.BIANYS.org or call (212) 980-1711.

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 the Burke Rehabilitation Center, which also includes Burke Medical Research Institute. 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.

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