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“BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TO HOST ANNUAL SEMINAR ON ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE RESEARCH ON NOVEMBER 4, 2011”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – October 20, 2011 -- The Alzheimer’s Association Annual Research Seminar, held in collaboration with the Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Center of the Hudson Valley (ADAC), Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, and the New York State Department of Health, will take place on Friday, November 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rosedale Conference Room (Billings Building # 4 – 2nd Floor) on the campus of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, 785 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY. The annual seminar focuses on the latest research as well as treatment options for the disease. Barry Jordan, M.D., Director of the ADAC and Director of the Memory Evaluation and Treatment Service (METS) at Burke, will speak on “Differential Diagnosis of Dementia.” According to Dr. Jordan, “This type of program is an important forum for researchers, families and the public to share information about the latest in Alzheimer’s research,” he said. “Burke is proud to have hosted this event for the past several years,” he added.

In addition to Dr. Jordan’s presentation, Richard Lipton, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Principal Investigator of the Aging Study at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, will speak about “Novel Risk Factors and Protective Factors in Cognitive Aging and Dementias.”

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Gary Gibson, Ph.D., Professor of Neuroscience at Weill Cornell Medical College and Director of the Laboratory for Mitochondrial Biology and Metabolic Dysfunction in Neurodegeneration, will question what we know about the brains of people with Alzheimer’s: “The Brain’s Use of Oxygen, Sugar, and Calcium is Abnormal in Alzheimer’s Disease. Does It Matter? Can We Do Anything about It?” And, finally, Mary Sano, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Alzheimer’s disease Research Center at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, will speak on “Developing New Interventions to Protect against Cognitive Loss and Alzheimer’s disease.”

The Annual Research Seminar is free and open to medical and other professionals, family members of those with the disease and caregivers, but pre-registration is required as space is limited. To register for this event or to obtain more information, please call the Alzheimer’s Association – Hudson Valley/Rockland/Westchester, NY Chapter at (800) 272-3900. For more information about Burke Rehabilitation Hospital or any of its programs, please contact Richard Sgaglio at (914) 597-2491 or via email at rsgaglio@burke.org.

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. Burke is both an acute rehabilitation hospital and medical research center. Burke’s world renowned doctors and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment, while research scientists explore the frontiers of neurological and pulmonary 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.