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White Plains, NY – October 5, 2015 – In conjunction with Burke Rehabilitation Center’s continued centennial celebration throughout 2015, Burke will be hosting the Burke Centennial Neurorehabilitation Symposium: A Meeting of the Minds, Leading Rehabilitation Research into the Future from October 9 - 10, 2015 on its White Plains campus.

The symposium will be focused on the mechanisms that underlie injuries and illnesses of the central nervous system and their treatment. George Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D., the President of Regeneron Laboratories & the Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Tarrytown, NY will serve as the keynote speaker. Dr. Yancopoulos is also a former Burke Award winner for his work in rehabilitation research.

The symposium will feature speakers from Burke Medical Research Institute and Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, as well as Weill Cornell Medical College, MIT, Harvard University, University of California, Irvine and more. The researchers will present on topics related to the neuroscience of brain repair, clinical opportunities in neurorehabilitation and the future of neurorehabilitation.
"This celebratory symposium represents an opportunity to retrace some of our biggest and most impactful steps, to share our current capacities for clinical care, teaching and research, and, along with some of our most esteemed colleagues, to collectively chart a vision toward the future—a future where neurological disability can be cured," said Rajiv R. Ratan M.D., Ph.D., Executive Director of the Burke Medical Research Institute.

The symposium will begin with a welcome reception on Thursday evening, Oct. 8 at the Cambria Hotel & Suits in downtown White Plains, followed by a full schedule of presentations on Friday, Oct. 9 and a half day of presentations on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Burke. Attendees will also have opportunities for networking, as well as receive tours of Burke’s state-of-the-art labs and facilities.

For more information on the symposium, or to register, contact Eileen Polese at epolese@burke.org.

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
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