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NEUROPATHY ACTION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 9TH ANNUAL “NEUROPATHY ACTION AWARENESS DAY,” LARGEST NEUROPATHY-RELATED PATIENT EVENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Registration Now Open for LA-Area Event Dedicated to Raising Awareness of Neuropathy and Improving the Quality of Life for Neuropathy Patients; Event to Feature Leading Medical Professionals

LOS ANGELES (April 13, 2015) – The Neuropathy Action Foundation (NAF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing neuropathy patients with the resources and information necessary to improve their quality of life, announced that registration is now open for its 9th Annual “Neuropathy Action Awareness Day,” an all-day educational event on June 18th in Los Angeles. “Neuropathy Action Awareness Day” will be the largest neuropathy gathering in the United States this year and will bring together patients and caregivers from across the country to learn about neuropathy, strategies for managing the painful condition, and empowering patients to become advocates for their own health care.

“Neuropathy Action Awareness Day” provides an opportunity for patients to interact with other patients, providers and exhibitors. The event consists of a full day of educational presentations, luncheon, exhibit area and silent auction. Celebrity internist and board certified nutrition specialist, **Melina Jampolis, MD** will speak during the luncheon on “Food As Medicine: Improve Health, Increase Vitality and Live Longer.” Other speakers will include:

- **Richard Lewis, MD**, Director EMG Laboratory and Co-Director Neuromuscular Clinic, Cedars-Sinai, will illustrate the understanding of a neurologist’s approach to the diagnosis and treatment of neuropathy;
- **Said R. Beydoun, MD**, Professor of Neurology, Keck Medical Center of USC University of Southern California, will discuss CIDP and MMN;
- **Lawrence Taw, MD**, Assistant Clinical Professor, UCLA Center for East-West Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine, will address an East-West Medicine Approach to Neuropathy;
- **Jeffrey Ralph, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor, University of California, San Francisco, will give a talk on unusual neuropathies.

“This event provides patients and caregivers with a vital forum for sharing information and empowering themselves to become more effective advocates,” said NAF President Dominick Spatafora. “As chronic pain begins to receive additional attention and access to IVIG and other medications continue to be a challenge, it is more critical than ever that we increase awareness of neuropathy for the estimated 20 million neuropathy patients in the United States.”

The event is from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 18 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Los Angeles located at 2151 Avenue of the Stars. The event is FREE of charge; however, NAF requests a \$20



donation from patients and caregivers and \$100 from others who attend the luncheon. **Register today at (877) 512-7262 or www.neuropathyaction.org**

Interested patients or providers who are unable to attend in person can register to watch free of charge online. The entire day will be broadcast live and will provide digital attendees the ability to ask the speakers questions and receive an answer in real time.

About the Neuropathy Action Foundation

The Neuropathy Action Foundation (NAF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is dedicated to ensuring neuropathy patients obtain the necessary resources, information and tools to access individualized treatment to improve their quality of life. The NAF increases awareness among physicians, the general public and public policy officials that neuropathy can potentially be a serious, widespread and disabling condition, which may be treatable when appropriate medical care is provided. www.neuropathyaction.org

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