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NEUROPATHY ACTION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 12TH 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

LOS ANGELES (March 21, 2018) – The Neuropathy Action Foundation (NAF) announced that registration is now open for its 12th Annual "Neuropathy Action Awareness Day," an all-day educational event on June 22 in Los Angeles. "Neuropathy Action Awareness Day" is the largest neuropathy gathering in the United States and brings together patients and caregivers from across the country to learn about neuropathy, strategies for managing the condition, patient advocacy and tools that empower patients to become advocates for their own health care.

The event consists of educational presentations, luncheon, exhibit area and silent auction. Celebrity Internist, **Melina Jampolis**, **MD**, will speak during the luncheon. Other speakers include:

- <u>Said Beydoun, MD FAAN,</u> Professor of Neurology, Keck Medical Center of USC University of Southern California
- Jonathan Katz, MD, Chief of Neuromuscular Services at California Pacific Medical Center
- <u>**Todd Levine, MD.,**</u> Co-Director GBS/CIDP Center of Excellence at Phoenix Neurological Associates and Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Arizona;
- <u>**Richard Lewis, MD, FAAN,</u>** Director EMG Laboratory and Co-Director Neuromuscular Clinic, Cedars-Sinai;</u>
- Jeffrey Ralph, MD, Associate Clinical Professor, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF);
- <u>Steven Richeimer, MD</u>, Professor of Anesthesiology and Psychiatry, Chief, Division of Pain Medicine, University of Southern California (USC)

"This event provides patients with a rare opportunity to empower themselves to become effective advocates for their own care," said NAF President Dominick Spatafora. "As insurance benefit restrictions make it more difficult to access IVIG and other medications, it is more important than ever that the neuropathy community has a strong voice to protect access to care and treatment."

The event is from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM on Friday, June 22 at the Intercontinental Hotel located at 2151 Avenue of the Stars. The event is FREE of charge; however, NAF requests a \$25 donation from patients and \$125 from others. **Register today at (877) 512-7262 or** <u>www.neuropathyaction.org</u>



Interested individuals who are unable to attend in person can register for free to stream the event online and submit questions digitally to be answered in real-time by event speakers.

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 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.

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