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DIAGNOSING & TREATING TOURETTE SYNDROME PHYSICIAN OUTREACH

The Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA) is in the third year of a program partnership with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) to provide medical education on diagnosing and treating Tourette Syndrome (TS) to physicians and allied health professionals across the country.

TSA seeks to identify physicians who work with and may want to work with children, individuals, and families affected by Tourette Syndrome.

Faculty from the TSA Medical Advisory Board will present at your facility or center.

All programs are free of charge to medical schools, medical centers and hospitals or professional medical and allied professional organizations.

Please contact us if you wish to arrange a program. We welcome your interest.

TSA is also developing opportunities to reach even more physicians through live web-based programs, teleconferencing and dissemination of learning materials on CD and DVD. Please let us know if you have access to these networks and resources.

Participants will receive:

- Training in Tourette Syndrome, differential diagnosis, and information about the latest treatments including medications, case management, and common co-morbid conditions
- A comprehensive CD-DVD featuring practice parameters, important published papers, and four useful videos
- Opportunity for CME credit
- Access to online medical education resources on TSA's website <http://tsa-usa.org>, featuring online CME, CNE presentations, including "Diagnosing & Treating Tourette Syndrome" with John Walkup, MD
- Opportunity to be included on TSA's physician and allied professional referral lists.

For more information or to develop an outreach program or to schedule a Medical or Allied Professional presentation in your facility, please contact:

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Tourette Syndrome Association Continues Precedent-Setting Partnership with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Emphasis on Physician Outreach & Training, Underserved Areas and Populations

BAYSIDE, NY – September 1, 2006 - The national Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA), a membership driven, non-profit organization dedicated to serving all people with Tourette Syndrome (TS), enters the third year of its successful program partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities to launch extensive programs to promote scientific research and medical awareness of TS. Now in its unprecedented third year, the funding partnership includes programs addressing quality of life concerns and comprehensive epidemiological data, provision of course materials, symposia, grand rounds and medical education, programs for physicians and allied health care professionals across the country, and plans to expand its scope by offering teleconferencing and webinars. Where possible, live programs will be held in underserved areas and in association with TSA nationwide chapters. Thirty-five well-received programs were offered across the U.S. in the year just concluded. Invitations to develop programs and presentations in the year beginning September 1 are currently being solicited.

Physician advisors and researchers associated with TSA will again offer free comprehensive training for physicians in recognition of the complexities of the diagnosis and treatment of TS and its co-morbidities. The goals of this effort are to increase the knowledge in best practices for TS treatment and to enlist more physicians and allied professionals to serve people with Tourette Syndrome.

As another component of the partnership, Dr. Samuel H. Zinner, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician at the University of Washington, Center of Human Development and Disability, and member of the TSA Medical Advisory Board, has been awarded the CDC-AUCD (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Association of University Centers on Disability) grant for a 2-year study on the Quality of Life in Adolescents with Tourette Syndrome.

Physicians and allied health professionals who participate in grand rounds and medical education programs will receive supplemental learning materials in DVD, CD and other formats to further their knowledge of TS. Most programs offer an opportunity to receive Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits. Online CME offerings on the national TSA website at <http://tsa-usa.org> continue to be expanded, enabling participants to continue their education and to avail themselves of other online resources developed by TSA Medical Advisory Board members.

Look for "Diagnosing & Treating Tourette Syndrome" online CME presentation by Dr. John Walkup on TSA's website. The site offers currently offers four online CME programs, including a Spanish language presentation. A CNE program has recently been added. TSA also offers participating medical and allied professionals the opportunity to be included in its physician referral and allied professional referral listings at no charge; lists are free to recipients.

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Marked by involuntary twitching and vocal tics, TS is an inherited, neurobiological disorder frequently misunderstood and misdiagnosed, affecting more than 200,000 Americans. TSA is a national voluntary organization that directs a network of 45 chapters and more than 300 support groups across the country. For more information on TS, call 1-888-4-TOURET or visit <http://tsa-usa.org>. The information provided in this material was supported by Grant/Cooperative Agreement Number 04211 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the CDC.

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