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The Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy in partnership with our local support groups across the country announce that May 12-16, 2016 is designated as National Neuropathy Awareness Week by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Over 20 million Americans suffer from all forms of Peripheral Neuropathy (PN), that's 1 out of every 15 people you know!

- PN is a dysfunction of the peripheral nerves with failure to repair completely; there are 100 identified types of PN
- There are no identified cures for PN
- PN is difficult to treat & can be unresponsive to available therapies. Overall benefit of existing drugs is 30-40% pain reduction in less than 50% of patients
- 30-40% of cancer patients treated with chemotherapy have PN
- 60%- 70% of all diabetics are living with PN
- 33% of all HIV/AIDs patients have PN
- Federal funding for PN research is < \$3.00 for every American
- Diabetes is the #1 cause of PN, costing the US economy – \$13 billion annually

The Foundation works to raise awareness to more than 30 million Americans and their clinicians who lack knowledge about the condition:

- There is a lack of scientific understanding of the processes of nerve injury, repair and regeneration
- 90% of clinical trials fail which means, slower research, few gains, and little drug development
- Clinicians (primary care physicians, physical therapists, chiropractors, podiatrists, etc.) lack education about the condition
- Healthcare providers do not have educational materials to share with their patients Education among clinicians, e.g. primary care...
- Since peripheral neuropathy is not the "primary disease" (it doesn't kill you like cancer or diabetes) it still has the potential to compromise a patient's ability to maintain employment, it can completely destroying the patient's quality of life and therefore can be a devastating diagnosis.

The Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy is a Public Charity committed to fostering collaboration among today's most gifted and dedicated neuroscientists and physicians. These specialists from around the country will help us maintain a comprehensive view of the field and determine the research areas that hold the most promise in neuropathy research and treatment to develop new and effective therapies that can reverse, reduce and one day eliminate Peripheral Neuropathy. It is our ultimate goal to utilize every means and opportunity to dramatically improve the lives of those living with this painful and debilitating disorder. ***Our mission is to dramatically improve the lives of people living with Peripheral Neuropathy by:***

- Serving as the premier resource of information for patients, their families and healthcare providers
- Accelerating a cure for peripheral neuropathies
- Funding collaborative efforts of leading scientists
- Raising awareness of peripheral neuropathy

The Foundation's website, social media and printed publications serves thousands of patients and clinicians every month providing up to date information on the science and research of PN and how to live well with the condition.

The two primary research initiatives supported by the Foundation are:

- The Peripheral Neuropathy Research Registry – the first of its kind in the industry, its goal is to help researchers learn more about PN & to characterize the phenotypes and genotype of patients with PN
- Our biennial International Research Symposium bring together basic scientists, clinical researchers and industry leaders from around the world to review the current state of knowledge on PN

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For more information about the Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy, PN education and the research we support visit our website at www.FoundationforPN.org. We can also be reached at 847-883-9942 or at info@tffpn.org

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