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VASCULITIS FOUNDATION TO CONVENE 2010 INTERNATIONAL VASCULITIS SYMPOSIUM

Kansas City, Missouri, December 14, 2009 --- The Vasculitis Foundation will host the “2010 International All Star Vasculitis Symposium” July 30 - August 1, 2010 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel, Long Beach, CA.

“The attendees of the Symposium will include patients and their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers who work with vasculitis patients. Experts in the field of vasculitis, including physicians and others who work with vasculitis patients, will provide state-of-the-art updates on the treatment and research into these diseases,” says Eric L. Matteson, M.D., M.P.H., Mayo Clinic. “This year’s Symposium is particularly important because it demonstrates the power of the patient and their advocacy groups. Because of your participation and collaboration with the scientific community, advances in research are rapidly developing for vasculitis treatments,” adds Robert Lebovics, M.D., F.A.C.S., Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgical Group, New York, New York.

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Medical experts in the field of vasculitis are scheduled to speak and the Symposium will also include a number of research poster sessions. General sessions will include: Vasculitis 101 - An Overview Diagnosis, Epidemiology, Etiology and Manifestations; Vasculitis and Pediatric Patients; New and Emerging Therapies in Vasculitis; Small Vessel Vasculitis; Large Vessel Vasculitis; Complementary Medicine; Disability - Rights of Patients with Vasculitis; Peripheral Neuropathy Associated with Vasculitis; Reproductive Health Issues for Women and Men with Vasculitis; Understanding Lab Tests for Patients with Vasculitis; Vasculitis Medication Review. There will also be several breakout sessions such as Organizing Your Medical Team; Seeking a Second Opinion; Organizing Your Medical Records, Cardiovascular Issues; Gastrointestinal Issues, etc.

“This Symposium will help us move forward by reviewing the latest findings in the field and examining future directions. It holds great promise to improve the lives of those living with vasculitis,” says Joyce Kullman, Executive Director, Vasculitis Foundation.

The Vasculitis Foundation, founded in 1986, is an international non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with over 4,000 members in 58 countries. Vasculitis diseases are chronic, autoimmune diseases. There are approximately 15 different disorders that are classified as “vasculitis”. The Foundation provides educational materials for patients, family members, caregivers, and medical professionals as well as encouraging and supporting research into the cause, cure and treatment of vasculitis. For more information, visit: http://www.vasculitisfoundation.org/2010vasculitis-symposium

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