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Dear Dr. George,

We received word that an email was sent out this morning from you that states that the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) endorsed tPA. The AAEM board does not endorse a specific product and we are requesting that a correction be distributed to those who received the original email message within the next 24 hours.

AAEM's Clinical Practice Committee's statement was approved by the AAEM board in April 2010 that in summary concluded the following:

1. tPA is one treatment option for stroke when given in academic medical centers and prepared stroke centers.
2. Emergency physicians should have necessary resources (i.e., stroke team) to optimally care for suspected stroke patients.
3. Hospitals should formulate a plan for timely care of patient with suspected acute stroke.

The board approved statement can be found at

http://www.aem.org/UserFiles/file/tissue_plasminogen_activator.pdf

Sincerely,

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