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Richard K. Burt, MD
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Dear Dr. Burt:

I am delighted that you have agreed to talk on the topic of stem cell transplantation for autoimmune diseases at our Medical Grand Rounds on May 6, 2010.

Rochester General is a large community teaching hospital in Rochester, New York, affiliated with the University of Rochester, hosting U of R medical students who rotate here for their third- and fourth-year Medicine clerkships and electives. The Department of Medicine has a large full-time faculty, many of whom have published in major clinical journals, and the Hospital hosts an Internal Medicine residency program. A high percentage of our medical residents pursue academic fellowships.

Your talk should be aimed at a general medicine audience that is accustomed to hearing about basic science in a format that emphasizes basic principles and conclusions but usually not primary data, and about clinical observations in a format that emphasizes evidence-based medicine. I would anticipate attendance by some of our Hematology-Oncology and Allergy-Immunology faculty, and you can expect some sophisticated questions from them. We are equipped to show power point slides from a memory stick or from a laptop computer.

Please feel free to call me to discuss any questions you have about the audience, the topic, or our Hospital. I look forward to meeting you and to hearing your talk.

Best regards,

Richard H. Sterns, MD

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