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Vanderbilt University Medical Center Chief Neurosurgery Resident Participates in CenturyLink Leadville Trail 100 Run for the Brain Aneurysm Foundation

Hanover, MASS., August X, 2018 —On August 18, a chief neurosurgery resident at Vanderbilt University Medical Center will take on one of the world’s most challenging endurance courses on behalf of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF).

Dr. Pete Morone will be participating in a 100-mile “ultramarathon” — the CenturyLink Leadville Trail 100 Run in Leadville, Colorado — to raise money for the Brain Aneurysm Foundation’s efforts to raise awareness, education, support, advocacy, and research funding.

“Brain aneurysms are relatively common, and when they rupture, their side effects can be devastating for patients,” said Dr. Morone who is running the ultramarathon for the first time. “It is important to raise awareness for brain aneurysms and use research to find better treatments for the disease. That is why I decided to donate the proceeds I raise from the race to BAF.”

A race through the heart of the Rocky Mountains, competitors in the Leadville 100 reach altitudes ranging from 9,000 to 12,600 feet. To successfully complete the race, participants must finish the course in less than 30 hours. Dr. Morone, an avid runner, who enjoys “pushing himself to the limit,” has completed several ultramarathons ranging from 50K to 50 miles in distance.

As chief resident of the Department of Neurological Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Morone is all too familiar with the damaging impact that a ruptured brain aneurysm has on survivors and their caregivers.

In 2016, Dr. Morone received a research grant funded by the BAF for his work on cerebral vasospasm, which can lead to blood vessel constriction and decreased oxygen to the brain after a ruptured aneurysm. This condition can lead to stroke and permanent brain damage

Ultimately, he hopes his research will lead to the creation of a new drug, which will prevent vasospasm and stroke after a ruptured brain aneurysm, allowing patients to have a quicker and smoother recovery.

“We greatly appreciate Dr. Morone’s support of the BAF through his research and participation in the CenturyLink Leadville Trail 100 Run,” said Christine Buckley, executive director of BAF. “His research has the potential to change outcomes for brain aneurysm survivors.”

For more information, and to support Dr. Morone and the BAF visit his personal fundraising page by clicking [here](#).

ABOUT THE BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION

Founded in Boston and now based in Hanover, Massachusetts, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation is the globally recognized leader in brain aneurysm awareness, education, support, advocacy, and research funding.

The foundation’s mission is to provide information about and raise awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of brain aneurysms to prevent ruptures and subsequent death and disability; work with medical communities to provide support networks for patients and families; and advance research to improve patients’ outcomes and save lives.

Established in 1994, the foundation is led by Executive Director Christine Buckley and has a Medical Advisory Board that comprises more than 30 of the nation’s foremost aneurysm experts — neurologists, neurosurgeons, interventional neuroradiologists, and other brain aneurysm specialists — from the country’s leading hospitals and universities.

For more information about the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, visit bafound.org.

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