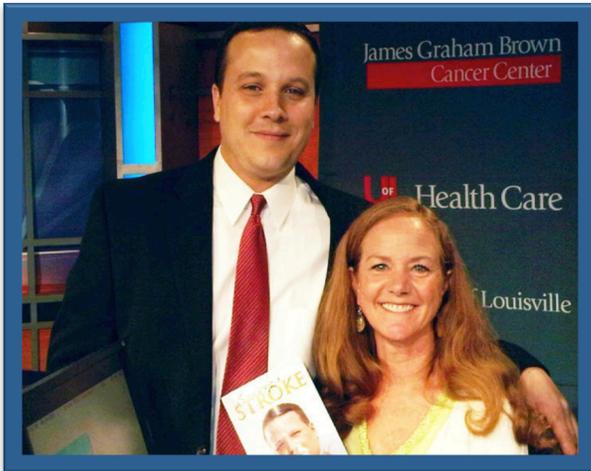


SVIN Stroke Conquerors Event Held Saturday, October 26, 2013 Omni Hotel – Houston, TX

The Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology (SVIN) held an inspiring session composed of two strong individuals who shared their stories of stroke and recovery during their 6th Annual Meeting this past October. Find out more about Andrew Fisher and Chase Anderson below.



At 35 years old, Andrew Fisher was running a bar and caring for his 2 year old twins when he started to develop dizziness. Those symptoms quickly progressed to paralysis and trouble walking. Within 24 hours he was having trouble talking and was choking on his own saliva. He was told that there was nothing that could be done for him in his local hospital and he was transferred to the Interventional Neurology Service at the University of Louisville where he was diagnosed with basilar artery occlusion, a nearly universally fatal condition. He underwent emergency embolectomy (clot removal) and stenting of his brain artery 48 hours after symptom onset all of which was considered experimental. He began to improve almost immediately and walked home 3 days later. He has not

stopped since becoming a champion for stroke patients and advocating for advancement in interventional neurology. He wrote a book about his experience to raise money for stroke research.



In 2009, Chase Anderson was 28 years old and lived in Hong Kong working as Managing Director for ANCO Far East, the Asian division of his nearly century old family owned businesses, the Anderson Group of Companies. He was vacationing Key Biscayne with his mother, sister and brother-in-law over the New Year holidays in 2009. Being an avid runner, he was out on a morning jog in the Key Biscayne Park with his brother-in-law when he noticed a sudden ache in his head and heaviness on his left side. He fell to the ground and thought that this was quite strange being in prime health. Luckily for him, a dentist in the park recognized that he was having a stroke and asked Chase's brother-in-law to call 911. Chase was brought to Mercy Hospital in Miami given IV tPA and then transferred to University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital system, where the interventional neurology team, used the MERCI device and rapidly removed the clot that was blocking his right internal carotid artery in the head. At the SVIN annual meeting, on October 26th, 2013, Chase will share with us

his story of conquering his potentially devastating stroke at such a young age and his road back to being a manager in Anderson Merchandisers in Dallas, TX.