



NAMS NEWS

2001 Annual Meeting Planned

Elizabeth Barrett-Connor, MD, Chair of the NAMS Scientific Committee, encourages all healthcare providers and researchers with an interest in menopause to attend the 12th Annual Meeting of NAMS, to be held in New Orleans October 4-6, 2001.

The theme of this meeting is "Focus on Diversity: Women Are Different." Many of the sessions will cover important clinical issues that relate to ethnic and cultural differences, as well as other differences, such as body weight—reinforcing the need to individually tailor medical care for women as they move through menopause and beyond.

The meeting will also offer the latest information on "hot topics," such as primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease in women, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis, menopause treatments for the breast cancer survivor and much more.

A new review course, "Menopause Basics," will be presented the morning of October 3. In addition, a satellite symposium and welcome reception are planned for that evening. Thus, the events surrounding the meeting really begin on October 3rd, rather than on the 4th.

"So, mark your calendars," advised Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD, NAMS Executive Director, "and be sure you arrive early enough to attend all the exciting sessions. *Menopause Management* will keep you informed as plans progress, or visit the NAMS Web site at www.menopause.org."

Call for Abstracts for 2001 NAMS Annual Meeting

All are invited and encouraged to submit scientific abstracts to be considered for presentation at the NAMS 12th Annual Meeting, to be held in New Orleans October 4-6, 2001. Submission of an abstract intended for presentation will imply that the authors have neither published the information elsewhere nor presented the information at a national or international meeting prior to this meeting. Abstracts must be submitted on the appropriate form. Contact the NAMS Central Office to receive a form through the mail, or visit the NAMS Web site (www.menopause.org [Scientific Meetings]). The submission deadline is April 15, 2001.

Menopause Competency Examinations Well Received

NAMS and the National Certification Corporation (NCC) have partnered in offering a Certificate of Added Competency as a Menopause Clinician or a Menopause Educator. This unique program was de-

vised to meet the needs of women who are searching for qualified clinicians to manage their health care through perimenopause and beyond. Those healthcare providers who pass the exam are awarded a certificate from the NCC, suitable for framing. NAMS members who pass the exam are given special designation on the Society's Referral List, which is mailed to consumers requesting a referral and posted on the NAMS Web site (www.menopause.org).

The exams were offered for the first time to almost 100 healthcare providers just prior to the NAMS Annual Meeting in Orlando in September 2000. On December 1, more than twice as many sat for the exams at multiple sites across the United States and Canada. Future tests can be taken at multiple sites on March 2, June 22 and September 21 of this year. The exams will also be offered again in advance of the NAMS 2001 Annual Meeting—on October 3 in New Orleans.

To be eligible to sit for the Menopause Clinician exam, a healthcare provider must be licensed in the United States or Canada to diagnose and prescribe (e.g., physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant). For the Menopause Educator exam, a healthcare provider must be licensed in the United States or Canada to provide healthcare services (e.g., nurse, pharmacist, psychologist).

NAMS has developed a 344-page *Menopause Core Curriculum Study Guide* to help healthcare providers prepare for the exam. The table of contents of this easy-to-read, practical resource can be reviewed on the NAMS Web site (www.menopause.org [Professional Education]) and ordered through NAMS or Amazon.com.

For more information about the exams, including fees and registration, contact the NCC in Chicago at 312/951-0207 or bburns@nccnet.org.

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