



NAMS NEWS

Diversity Theme for Next NAMS Meeting

The scientific program is set for the 2001 NAMS Annual Meeting—to be held in New Orleans on October 4-6 at the Riverside Hilton Hotel—and the theme is “Focus on Diversity: Women Are Different.”

“We’ll be discussing differences among women—such as ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic and body weight—and exploring the ways in which these differences can have an impact on menopause and disease,” said Elizabeth Barrett-Connor, MD, board member and chair of the 2001 Scientific Committee. “Of course, we’ll also address the key clinical issues for all peri- and postmenopausal women, such as management of acute symptoms and prevention of chronic disease later in life. I know that all attendees will find this year’s meeting a worthwhile experience.”

Plan now to attend what many have called the most exciting meeting in women’s health. “Registration materials will be available soon,” said Carolyn Develen, NAMS Administrative Director and coordinator of the Annual Meeting.

Ancillary Benefits of Attending NAMS Annual Meeting

- “Menopause Basics” review course on Wednesday morning, October 3.

This course is perfect for those who might not be able to attend the full meeting, or for those who need a practical overview of the field in a brief, 3-hour session. Speakers will include Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD; Margery Gass, MD;

and Jennifer Prouty, MSN, RNC. Those who register early will be charged a fee of only \$125. CME will be awarded. Registration will begin shortly.

- *The competency examinations will be offered on Wednesday afternoon, October 3.* Those who wish to sit for the Menopause Clinician or Menopause Educator competency certificate are urged to register with the National Certification Corporation (www.nccnet.org or 312/951-0207). To help prepare for the exams, order the *Menopause Core Curriculum Study Guide* from NAMS. (You can preview a copy on the NAMS Web site.)

- *The Welcome Reception and the first of four Satellite Symposia will be held Wednesday evening, October 3.* Plan to arrive before 5:00 p.m. so you won’t miss out on any of the evening’s events. If you’re there by 7:30, you can enjoy the Dessert Reception, complete with a marching jazz band. These offerings are made possible through a grant from Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals.

- *Three additional Satellite Symposia are offered throughout the course of the meeting (each with a food function),* thanks to grants from Organon, Solvay Pharmaceuticals and Eli Lilly and Company. All four Satellite Symposia provide additional opportunities to earn CME credits.

- *Simultaneous Spanish translation of all Plenary Sessions and Satellite Symposia.* Those attendees wishing to use this service should simply request headphones when registering.

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Future NAMS Meetings

2002

October 3-5

Sheraton Chicago Hotel
Chicago, IL

2003

September 18-20

Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel
Miami Beach, FL

2004

October 7-9

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, DC

New Consensus Opinion on Calcium Now Available

The March/April issue of *Menopause* contains the newest NAMS consensus opinion—*The Role of Calcium in Peri- and Postmenopausal Women*. As with all NAMS consensus opinions, the Board of Trustees is advised by an expert editorial panel. NAMS is grateful to the following panelists: Robert P. Heaney, MD; Bess F. Dawson-Hughes, MD; J. Christopher Gallagher, MD; Robert Marcus, MD; and Jeri W. Nieves, PhD. NAMS also thanks SmithKline Beecham Consumer Healthcare (now GlaxoSmithKline) for the unrestricted educational grant that supported development of this opinion. View this and all other consensus opinions on the NAMS Web site; reprints are also available for a small fee.

Awards and Fellowships

NAMS appreciates the generous financial support of industry that is making possible the following programs this year:

- *2001 NAMS/Pfizer Women’s Health Diversity Award*—Acknowledging an individual for his/her body of research that has recognized the importance of addressing women’s diversity in achieving optimal health during perimenopause and beyond.