



# NAMS NEWS

## NAMS 2002 Annual Meeting

**T**he scientific program is set for the 2002 NAMS Annual Meeting, to be held in Chicago on October 3-5 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel. With the meeting theme of "Quality of Life in Menopause and Beyond," this year's event will present the latest scientific findings and how the results of these studies can be put into practice when attendees return home.

"The Scientific Committee has worked diligently," says Bruce Kessel, MD, Committee Chair, "listening to feedback from NAMS members and past meeting attendees. The three most requested topics—perimenopause, sexual function and complementary/alternative therapies—have prominent positions on the program. Plus, you can be assured that NAMS will address a comprehensive array of other topics that are important clinical and research issues."

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Industry support of the NAMS meeting is stronger than ever, with a record six satellite symposia scheduled. "Please be aware that the Scientific Committee is responsible for selecting these topics and speakers as well," explains Dr. Kessel, "ensuring attendees that the satellite symposia meet the rigorous standards of the regular program." Those who register for the Annual Meeting are automatically registered for the satellite symposia, providing additional opportunity to earn continuing medical education credits.

"It's been a pleasure planning this program," comments Dr. Kessel. "The members of the Scientific Committee look forward to seeing the readers of *Menopause Management* in Chicago—and seeing if you agree that this is the best meeting that NAMS has convened."

Chicago offers something for everyone. During the meeting's off-hours, stroll along the city's 29-mile lakefront, visit the renowned museums, join the see-and-be-seen set at Navy Pier, savor the culinary advances of its fine restaurants (more 4-star eateries than in any other U.S. city), shop 'til you drop in the trendy shops along the Magnificent Mile—there's no end to the attractions offered by the Windy City!

The top-rated Sheraton Chicago Hotel is conveniently located so you can take it all in, or simply relax and enjoy the city's most breathtaking views. Whatever your pleasure, you'll find it in Chicago.

"Registration materials are now available," says Carolyn Develen, NAMS Administrative Director and coordinator of the Annual Meeting. "You can register by mail, fax or via the NAMS Web site ([www.menopause.org](http://www.menopause.org)). Hotel reservations must be made directly. Don't delay—space is limited!"

## 2002 Scientific Committee

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## **Extra Added Attractions During Meeting**

**R**egistrants will receive many extra benefits at this year's meeting over and above the scientific program and the opportunity to network with the world's experts in the field:

- A record six satellite symposia, with NAMS control of topics and speakers, for extra information and more CME. Arrive before 5:30 on October 2 for the opening satellite.
- Simultaneous English-to-Spanish interpretation of plenary sessions through headsets.
- Food functions...breakfasts, lunches, refreshment breaks, evening receptions.
- Plus entertainment...Chicago jazz and more!

...and for an additional fee:

- Attend the comprehensive yet concise "Menopause Basics" half-day review course the morning of October 2.
- Sit for the new NAMS Menopause Practitioner competency examination the afternoon of October 2, with a copy of the *Menopause Core Curriculum Study Guide* included in the fee.

## NAMS Offers Own Competency Program

**N**AMS is pleased to announce its own menopause competency program for those who are licensed to prescribe. The competency examination will first be offered the afternoon of October 2, prior to the NAMS Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Everyone who passes the multiple-choice exam will be deemed a "NAMS Menopause Practitioner." Those who pass will receive a certificate of advanced competency, suitable for framing, that will display the 3-year period of the credential. NAMS members who pass the exam will be highlighted on the NAMS referral list of menopause clinicians.

As part of the registration fee (\$260 for NAMS members, \$500 for nonmembers), those sitting for the exam will receive a complimentary copy of the Society's leading professional resource, the 344-page *Menopause Core Curriculum Study Guide*.

During 2000 and 2001, NAMS collaborated with the National Certification

Corporation (NCC) in cosponsoring the Menopause Clinician and Menopause Educator competency examinations. During this time, several hundred physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and physician assistants passed the Menopause Clinician exam. This collaboration was discontinued effective December 31, 2001. The NCC will continue with the program without NAMS involvement. Those who passed the NCC/NAMS Menopause Clinician exam during 2000 or 2001 will have the opportunity to be grandfathered into the new NAMS program.

Contact NAMS for more details or visit the NAMS Web site.

## Awards and Fellowships

**I**n 2002, NAMS offers many opportunities to nominate individuals for recognition awards and apply for research funding, thanks to generous grants from industry. Forms are available from NAMS and on the NAMS Web site. The deadline for nominations is June 1 for the recognition awards and June 15 for the fellowships.

### Research Fellowships

These two programs recognize recipients in 2002 and provide research funds in January 2003:

*2003 NAMS/Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Clinical Research Fellowship Grant*  
*2003 NAMS/Wyeth Clinical Research Fellowship Grant*

### Recognition Awards

*2002 NAMS Media Award—new this year!*  
*2002 NAMS/Pfizer Women's Health Perimenopause Research Award—new this year!*  
*2002 NAMS/Endeavor Pharmaceuticals Vasomotor Symptoms Research Award—new this year!*  
*2002 NAMS/GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Education Excellence Award*  
*2002 NAMS/Pfizer Women's Health Diversity Award*

*2002 NAMS/Eli Lilly and Company SERM Research Award*

*2002 NAMS/Protein Technologies International Soy Research Award*

*2002 NAMS/Eli Lilly and Company Award for Innovations in Osteoporosis*

### Reporter Recognition Awards

*2002 NAMS/Wyeth Nurse Practitioner Reporter Program*

### Menopause Guidebook Free in Spanish

**T**o better meet the needs of Latina women, NAMS is offering its leading consumer resource, the *Menopause Guidebook*, in Spanish. The Society is grateful to the Puerto Rico Menopause Society for its translation and to Frances Munet Vilaro, PhD, RN, University of Washington School of Nursing, for reviewing the Spanish transcript on behalf of NAMS.

"The Spanish translation is available online," explains Pamela Boggs, NAMS Director of Education and Development and NAMS Web Site Editor. "It's posted on the Web sites of both organizations (at [www.menopause.org](http://www.menopause.org) and at [www.menopausia.org](http://www.menopausia.org)). Permission is granted by NAMS to download and reproduce the entire (unedited) translated booklet in a noncommercial effort, provided that the NAMS copyright line remains in place."

NAMS also offers for sale a printed "basics" booklet in Spanish, written at a 5th-grade reading level. A review copy is featured on the NAMS Web site.

### Menopause Guidebook Free in Braille

**N**AMS is pleased to announce the availability of a two-volume Braille edition of the current leading consumer resource, the *Menopause Guidebook*. Thanks to an unrestricted educational grant from Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, the Braille edition is available free of charge. Contact the National Braille Press (617/266-6160).

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