



NAMS NEWS

NAMS 2002 Annual Meeting Successful

Menopause Management readers who attended the 2002 Annual Meeting of The North American Menopause Society, held October 3-5 in Chicago, can attest that it was an enormous success. Much of that success can be attributed to the exceptional program developed by the Scientific Committee, chaired by Bruce Kessel, MD. The meeting's theme was "Quality of Life at Menopause and Beyond."

"Healthcare providers from around the world recognized that attending this year was more important than ever before," explains Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD, NAMS executive director. "With the premature termination of the continuous-combined estrogen-progestin arm of the Women's Health Initiative due to risks outweighing benefits, everyone was looking for guidance. In addition to the scientific sessions, a special NAMS Advisory Panel presented its report on hormone therapy." That report can be found on the NAMS Website (www.menopause.org).

"Attendees and nonattendees can obtain the meeting's proceedings in a num-

ber of ways," says Carolyn Develen, NAMS administrative director and coordinator of the meeting. These include:

- Audiotapes and CDs of the plenary sessions, concurrent workshops and satellite symposia (not the scientific sessions) are available for a nominal fee from Conference Media Contractors (toll-free in the U.S.: 888/222-1614; outside the U.S.: 970/207-1614; fax 970/207-1322; online: www.cmc-net.com).
- Abstracts of all presentations (live and poster) are featured on the NAMS Web site (www.menopause.org).
- Abstracts of all presentations are published in the Nov/Dec issue of *Menopause*, available in early November.

Gass Elected NAMS President

On October 5, Margery L.S. Gass, MD, was elected NAMS 2002-2003 president. Dr. Gass is professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and director, University Hospital Menopause and Osteoporosis Center, Cincinnati. She follows Morrie M. Gelfand, CM, MD, in this important role.

At the General Meeting for NAMS members, the trustees for the 2002-2003 board were elected. There are three new board members: Victor W. Henderson, MD, MS; Nancy E. Reame, MSN, PhD, FAAN; and Marilyn Rothert, PhD, RN, FAAN. One member of last year's board was re-elected for another three-year term: James A. Simon, MD. Three members of the board ended their time of service: Elizabeth Barrett-Connor, MD; Lila E. Nachtigall, MD; and Nancy Fugate Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN. Other members of the Board include Dr. Gelfand; Betsy L. McClung, RN, MN; J. Chris Gallagher, MD; George I. Gorodeski, MD, PhD; Gail A. Greendale, MD; Bruce Kessel, MD; Annette M. O'Connor, RN, PhD; Marcie K. Richardson, MD; and *ex officio* members Isaac Schiff, MD, and Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD.

"Menopause Basics" Course Well Received

The premeeting half-day CME review course, "Menopause Basics," that was offered on October 2 attracted far more attendees than expected, demonstrating the need for a comprehensive, yet concise, overview. NAMS has provided this course at other healthcare provider meetings and plans to reach out to other organizations with this offering in 2003. If your organization is interested in being considered for the course, contact the NAMS Central Office.

New NAMS Competency Examination Premieres

On October 2, the new NAMS competency examination was offered for the first time to those licensed to prescribe. Many physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants from around the world sat for this examination, recognizing the value of being designated a NAMS Menopause Practitioner.

You are invited to become a credentialed NAMS Menopause Practitioner. This is an opportunity to enhance your professional stature by joining a distinguished group of peers worldwide who have achieved this level of excellence.

The examination will be offered next on May 17, 2003, in Seattle, San Diego, Dallas, Boston, Baltimore and Toronto, then again in advance of the NAMS Annual Meeting (September 17, 2003, Miami Beach). For more information, see the Candidate Handbook (www.goAMP.com) or call 913/541-0400.

Abstracts Invited for 2003 Annual Meeting

"It's not too soon to submit abstracts for consideration for the next NAMS Annual Meeting," announces Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD, NAMS executive director. "In 2002, we added the option of submitting abstracts online. Because of the overwhelming success of this method, all abstract submissions for 2003 will be received in this way."

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Your Chance to Be Heard: A Call for Manuscripts

Menopause Management is currently accepting manuscripts to be considered for publication in upcoming issues.

The official education publication of The North American Menopause Society, *Menopause Management* is the only controlled-circulation journal devoted exclusively to the health of midlife women.

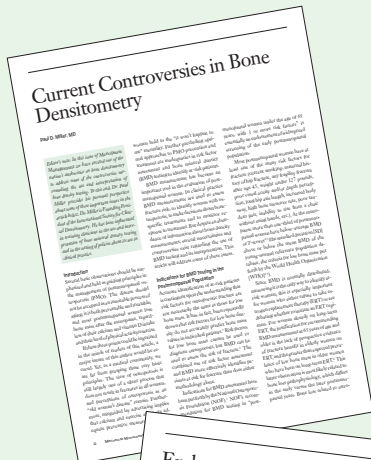
Menopause Management is read by approximately 33,000 internists, OB/GYNs and other health-care practitioners caring for midlife women.

Articles focus on practical information for incorporation into daily practice, and cover a wide range of topics related to women's health through menopause and beyond.

Manuscripts submitted to *Menopause Management* are reviewed by two members of the Editorial Advisory Board and Editor-in-Chief Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD.

For more information about submitting a manuscript for publication, please contact:

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The 14th Annual Meeting will be held in Miami Beach on September 17-20, 2003. For more information, visit the NAMS Web site after January 1, 2003. Deadline for receipt of 2003 abstracts is April 15, 2003.

Updated Study Guide Available

The Society's *Menopause Core Curriculum Study Guide* has been updated, thanks to input from 75 experts. This second edition premiered at the NAMS 2002 Annual Meeting. A preview copy is posted on the NAMS Web site.

Be one of the first to benefit from this new reference book. Copies are available from NAMS for \$60 for NAMS members or \$100 for nonmembers, plus shipping; or purchase it at **Amazon.com**.

Links Section Expanded

"The NAMS Web site has added 17 links under Other Web Resources," says NAMS Director of Education and Development Pam Boggs, editor of the site. "These join 51 previous links. To facilitate finding the desired information, the links are divided into six categories: Government (total of 11 links), Educational (3), Nonprofit (42), Commercial (2, for educational material only), Other (5) and a new category, Outside North America (5)."

The international Project Team that re-reviewed existing sites and identified the new sites was led by Diane T. Pace, PhD, APRN, BC. Dr. Pace recruited for her Team five NAMS members (Robin Faye, MD; Peggy Veese, PhD; Sharon Baker, BSN, MN, CWHNP; Ken Muhlendorf, MD; and Amanda McBride, MD) and four nonmembers (Linda Lovoie, RN; Sunita Dodani, MD; Angie Doshani, MD; and Leslie Lee, MSN). The Project was coordinated by NAMS Communications Manager Sharon Somerville, managing editor of the Web site.

"A very large, albeit unknown, number of Web sites link to the NAMS site," explains Ms. Boggs. "NAMS is quite proud to have one of the world's leading sites that address menopause."