



NAMS NEWS

NAMS 2003 Annual Meeting Approaches

“Many of you will be reading this issue while traveling to the NAMS 2003 Annual Meeting in Miami Beach on September 17-20, 2003. With the many papers recently published from the Women’s Health Initiative and other important trials involving menopause therapies and menopause-related conditions, this year’s NAMS meeting promises to be the best ever,” says George I. Gorodeski, MD, PhD, Chair of the 2003 Scientific Committee. “Clinicians need an opportunity to hear the experts discuss these findings and learn how their menopause practice may be influenced.”

The Scientific Committee developed an exceptional program with the theme, “Prevention of Disease through Menopause and Beyond.” Attendees will have the opportunity to gain:

- New ideas for research and patient care, not only from material presented via the program, abstracts, and commercial exhibits but also through networking with the world’s experts.
- A total of 25.75 CME hours are available (3.5 from the Basics Course, 12.75 from the Annual Meeting, and 9.5 from the 8 Satellite Symposia).

Also available is complimentary simultaneous interpretation from English to Spanish for all Plenary Sessions and Satellite Symposia. At the same time, various awards and programs will recognize outstanding achievements.

Plan Ahead

15th NAMS Meeting

October 6–9, 2004
Washington, DC

16th NAMS Meeting

September 28–October 1, 2005
San Diego, CA

Second Hormone Report to be Presented

“Many of you expressed your appreciation of the NAMS 2002 Hormone Therapy Advisory Panel report,” says Margery L.S. Gass, MD, NAMS President. Presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting, the report then was published in *Menopause Management* and other sources. During the 2003 Annual Meeting in Miami Beach, a second report will be presented. The report also will be posted on the NAMS Web site.

“As the Chair of the 2003 NAMS HT Advisory Panel, I would like to thank the NAMS panel of distinguished experts in the field who digested the most recent literature in order to develop this current status report,” says Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD.

Access Meeting Proceedings through Various Media

“Attendees at the 2003 NAMS meeting, as well as those who are unable to attend, can obtain the meeting’s proceedings in a number of ways,” says Carolyn Develen, NAMS administrative director and meeting coordinator. Audiotapes and CDs of the Plenary and Concurrent Sessions and the Satellite Symposia are available for a nominal fee. Abstracts of all presentations (live and poster) are featured on the NAMS Web site and also will be published in *Menopause*. Visit the NAMS Web site for details on how to order the recordings.

Consumer E-Newsletter Premiers

NAMS has launched *Menopause Flashes*, an informative e-newsletter for the public. The fun-to-read newsletter is e-mailed free of charge each month to all subscribers, regardless of where they live. The Society is the sole sponsor—there is no advertising or industry support; and the NAMS Executive Committee reviews and approves all content.

NAMS invites all practitioners to recommend *Menopause Flashes* to their menopausal patients. Through this novel program, women will receive ongoing information and scientific news to help them make informed healthcare decisions. NAMS also invites all healthcare providers to subscribe so that they can see what their patients are reading. For more information, including how to subscribe, go to the NAMS Web site (www.menopause.org/newsletter).

NAMS Credentialing Program Expands

“Hundreds of menopause specialists now have the credential of NAMS Menopause Practitioner,” says James A. Simon, MD, NAMS President-Elect and Chair of the NAMS Exam Committee. “Due to the success of this program, the NAMS Board of Trustees recently expanded the

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program, not only to allow more diversity with eligibility but also to make sitting for the exam more convenient.”

Eligibility has been expanded to include all licensed healthcare providers worldwide, regardless of prescriptive authority. Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurses, pharmacists, naturopathic physicians, psychologists, and others who are licensed are invited to apply. Details can be found on the NAMS Web site at www.menopause.org/comexam.html.

There currently is worldwide interest in becoming a NAMS Menopause Practitioner. Therefore, in February 2004, the Society’s first off-shore examination will be offered in South Africa in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the South African Menopause Society. This will serve as a test for additional off-shore sites. In 2004, the exam also will be offered at 12 North American sites on May 15 and in conjunction with the NAMS Annual Meeting in Washington,

DC, on October 6. The 2004 *Candidate Handbook* will be available this September. Plan now to join this elite group.

2004 Exam Dates and Sites

February 17
Port Elizabeth, South Africa

May 15
Los Angeles, CA
Oakland, CA
Chicago, IL
Detroit, MI
Cleveland, OH
Cincinnati, OH
New York, NY
Clark, NJ
Philadelphia, PA
Houston, TX
New Orleans, LA
Ottawa, Canada

October 6
Washington, DC

NAMS Thanks 2003 Partners in Menopause Education

To date, 15 companies have demonstrated their support of NAMS’s educational efforts by joining the 2003 Partners in Menopause Education program. The Society is grateful for the educational grants received from:

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