



NAMS NEWS

Call for 2005 Abstracts

NAMS invites researchers to submit their basic science, clinical, epidemiologic, and education abstracts for consideration by the 2005 Abstract Review Committee. "We've continued the popular online submission process through the NAMS Web site," said Elizabeth K. Slogar, NAMS Operations Manager and coordinator of the abstract program. "The deadline is **April 15.**"

NAMS Thanks 2004 Partners in Menopause Education

During 2004, 16 companies demonstrated their support of NAMS's educational efforts by joining the 2004 Partners in Menopause Education program. The Society is grateful for the educational grants received from the following:

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NAMS Exam Update

All licensed healthcare providers are invited to sit for the NAMS Menopause Practitioner competency examination. Join hundreds of your colleagues who have earned this prestigious credential. Demonstrate to your community that you have special competency in the field.

The next examination date is **May 14**; applications must be postmarked by **March 4**. Locations include: Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Orlando, Raleigh-Durham, Portland (OR), St. Louis, Oklahoma City, New York, Minneapolis, and Vancouver (Canada). The final 2005 exam date is September 28 in San Diego,

Upcoming NAMS Events

Menopause Practitioner Exam

Plan ahead for the NAMS Menopause Practitioner Exam, to be held next spring in 10 US cities and one Canadian city.

Date

May 14, 2005
(Application Deadline March 4, 2005)

Locations

Boston, MA
Chicago, IL
Atlanta, GA
Orlando, FL
Raleigh-Durham, NC
Portland, OR
St. Louis, MO
Oklahoma City, OK
New York, NY
Minneapolis, MN
Vancouver, BC, Canada

just prior to the NAMS Annual Meeting.

Download a copy of the *2004 Candidate Handbook* and submit your application soon. (www.menopause.org/compexam.html).

"Frankly, the Society is somewhat amazed by the interest in this program by healthcare providers from multiple specialties," said David F. Archer, MD, Chair of the 2005 Exam Committee.

Future NAMS Meetings

16th NAMS Annual Meeting

September 28–October 1, 2005
San Diego, CA

17th NAMS Annual Meeting

October 11–14, 2006
Nashville, TN

18th NAMS Annual Meeting

October 3–7, 2007
Dallas, TX

19th NAMS Annual Meeting

September 24–27, 2008
Orlando, FL

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Full Line of Mid-Urethral Sling
Systems (transobturator,
transvaginal, suprapubic)5

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SPOTLIGHT on Menopause Education

To address the increased interest among healthcare providers and their patients regarding postmenopausal sexual function, NAMS has recently strengthened its emphasis on providing educational guidance in this area. For example, the first supplement to the NAMS journal *Menopause* fully explores this topic.

Entitled "Update on sexuality at menopause and beyond: normative, adaptive, problematic, dysfunctional," this collection of original articles offers the practicing clinician valuable information regarding the latest in the field. Oversight of the distinguished editorial board was provided by noted sexologist Rosemary Basson, FRCP (UK), serving as Guest Editor. Contents were also peer-reviewed. This special issue has been designated a NAMS continuing medical education activity offering up to 6.75 credit hours; no administrative fee is required.

NAMS members received a complimentary copy with the Nov/Dec 2004 issue of *Menopause*. Additional copies are available from NAMS. Thanks to an unrestricted educational grant, copies are available for a low fee: \$69.00 for NAMS members, \$89.00 for nonmembers (including shipping). Order through the secure NAMS Web Store (www.menopause.org) or contact the NAMS Central Office for an Order Form (440/442-7550).

"We underestimated the value providers place in having the credential—and how much women appreciate knowing which providers have proven their competency through an examination program from NAMS."

Menopause Flashes Huge Success

Since its launch in July 2003, almost 10,000 women and their healthcare providers have subscribed to this fun-to-read newsletter. It's distributed free-of-charge each month as an e-newsletter (broadcast e-mail). Subscribe at: www.menopause.org/newsletter.html.

Need an easy reminder for your patients? Purchase nicely designed flyers from NAMS or download a flyer template from the NAMS Web site for photocopying flyers yourself.

New Professional Resource Receives Kudos

Published in October 2004, the new *Menopause Practice: A Clinician's Guide* is receiving rave reviews from healthcare professionals in clinical practice as the most comprehensive, current overview of the field. Those involved in teaching are also ordering copies for their residents and students. This 266-page, soft-cover book also offers an opportunity to earn up to 19 credit hours of continuing medical education for no administrative fee.

Contact NAMS to order your copy today. In North America, copies are available for \$69 (for NAMS members) and \$109 (nonmembers), including shipping. Those from outside North America should contact NAMS for a custom shipping quotation. Discount pricing is available when ordering in bulk.