



NAMS NEWS

Sit for Competency Examination at the 2005 Annual Meeting

Plan now to attend the NAMS 16th Annual Meeting—often called the year's best scientific congress addressing women's health. The meeting convenes in San Diego, CA, at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28—and extends through Saturday afternoon, October 1.

With a pressing need to stay current in the field, attendees will want to learn the latest about contemporary menopause management—and the program promises the most-needed clinical suggestions. The venue also beckons. The Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, the site of the Annual Meeting, is set majestically on the water's edge, overlooking San Diego Bay and just minutes from the Bay's boardwalk and the historic Gaslamp Quarter. Be sure to visit the NAMS Web site for registration details.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive the

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SPOTLIGHT on Menopause Education

Never before has the need for menopause education been so great. Menopause and its treatments are some of the most often researched topics. With a commitment to providing quality education to healthcare providers, NAMS is proud to offer several quality continuing medical education (CME) activities.

To address the increased interest among healthcare providers and their patients regarding postmenopausal sexual function, NAMS published a supplement to its journal *Menopause* which fully explores this topic. Entitled "Update on sexuality at menopause and beyond: normative, adaptive, problematic, dysfunction," 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. This activity offers up to 6.75 credit hours and no administrative fee is required.

Copies are available from NAMS for a low fee: \$69.00 for NAMS members, \$89.00 for nonmembers (including shipping). Order your copy through the secure NAMS Web Store (www.menopause.org) or contact the NAMS Central Office for an Order Form (440/442-7550).

NAMS has also published an excellent resource for professionals in the field, especially those involved in teaching, entitled *Menopause Practice: A Clinician's Guide*. Dozens of experts in the field provided input to this resource, making it one of the most comprehensive overviews of the field of menopause. The 266-page book offers readers an opportunity to earn up to 19 credit hours.

The entire book is posted for viewing, by chapter, on the NAMS Web site. Copies may also be ordered through the NAMS Web Store or by contacting the NAMS Central Office.

morning of September 28 and sit for the NAMS Menopause Practitioner competency examination, being held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Demonstrate to your community that you have special competency in the field. All licensed healthcare providers are eligible to apply. A total of 630 physicians, nurse practitioners, and others from around the world have earned this prestigious credential.

To apply for the NAMS Menopause Practitioner competency examination, download a copy of the *2005 Candidate Handbook* from the NAMS Web site (www.menopause.org/compexam.html) and submit your application and fee soon. The application deadline is July 20; the late application deadline is August 24, requiring an additional fee. Only those who have tickets are admitted; no on-site registration is permitted.

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 3–6, 2007
Dallas, TX

19th NAMS Annual Meeting
September 24–27, 2008
Orlando, FL

20th NAMS Annual Meeting
September 30–October 3, 2009
San Diego, CA