

NAMS News



receive a certificate and lapel pin designating their achievement.

One healthcare provider explained why he took the exam: "I always thought I had special expertise in menopause, but I wanted to know if NAMS thought so, too." Now you can test *your* knowledge.

The examination will be offered next on October 11, right before the 2006 NAMS Annual Meeting convenes in Nashville, TN.

For details, including applicable fees and an application form, go to the NAMS Web site: www.menopause.org/compexam.htm

Call for Abstracts for 2006

NAMS invites all researchers to submit their scientific abstracts for consideration for the 2006 Annual Meeting, convening in Nashville, TN, on October 11–14. The abstracts submission deadline has passed, but "late-breaking" abstracts may still be submitted through the handy online system until July 30, 2006. However, please note that although late-breaking abstracts are eligible for a Poster Prize, they cannot be considered for live presentation at the Annual Meeting.

NAMS 2005 Abstract and Poster Awards

At the NAMS 2005 Annual Meeting—held on September 28–October 1, 2005 in San Diego—several awards were presented to recognize outstanding abstract submissions:

Poster Prizes

The top abstracts this year were presented from the podium during the Scientific Sessions. All other accepted abstracts were presented as

Test Your Menopause Knowledge

All licensed healthcare providers are eligible to sit for the NAMS competency examination leading to the prestigious credential of NAMS Menopause Practitioner. Upon passing the examination, providers

Future NAMS Meetings

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

21st NAMS Annual Meeting

October 6–9, 2010
Chicago, IL

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posters. The winners of the Poster Prizes were:

- Joyce Bromberger, PhD, from Pittsburgh, PA, for “Do Depressive Symptoms Increase During the Menopausal Transition?”
- Sheryl A. Kingsberg, PhD, from Cleveland, OH, for “Testosterone Transdermal System Provides a Clinically Relevant Benefit in Surgically Menopausal Women with Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder.”
- Anja Strothmann, MD, from Berlin, Germany, for “Hormone Therapy: The US Woman’s Perspective.”

New Investigator Awards

These awards, designed to recognize those individuals who are within 7 years of achieving their degree, were presented to:

- Robert M. Badeau, MD, from Helsinki, Finland, for his work on “Macrophage ABCA-1 Cholesterol Efflux to Serum from Equol-Producing and Non-Equol-Producing Postmenopausal Women Treated with Isoflavonoid Tablets.”
- Jamie Kroft, MD, from Toronto, ON, Canada, for her work on “The Effect of the WHI Trial on Canadian Gynecologists’ Prescribing Practices for Premature Ovarian Failure.”
- Yoshiko Kudo, from Okayama, Japan, for “Vasomotor Symptoms and Related Factors on Japanese Climacteric Women in Urban and Rural Areas.”
- Laszlo B. Tanko, MD, PhD, from Ballerup, Denmark, for “Menostar, A Novel Ultra-low Dose Transdermal Estradiol System: Effects on Bone Markers and BMD.”

Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, “not only from material presented on the program, but also from networking with the world’s experts.”

Other highlights include:

- The Keynote Address, presented by Ms. Gail Sheehy—cultural observer and best-selling author—who will discuss sex and the aging woman.
- A postgraduate CME course the morning of October 11, addressing the controversial topic of hormone testing and bioidentical hormones.

Registration materials will be available soon. For more information, visit the NAMS Web site.

NEW EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FROM NAMS

New Practice Materials: To meet clinicians’ requests, NAMS has recently published *Focusing Your Practice on Menopausal Women*. This practical 40-page booklet will help providers either expand an existing menopause practice or add menopause-related services. The cost is \$45 for NAMS members, \$60 for nonmembers (including shipping to the US/Canada).

New Easy-Read Patient Education in English, Spanish, and French: Providers are invited to download from the NAMS Web site a template for *Menopause: A New Beginning*, a 4th-grade reading level booklet with cartoon art. This “easy-read” material can then be printed for distribution to appropriate patients, as needed. Available in English, Spanish, and French, each language template costs \$45 for NAMS members, \$65 for nonmembers.

New MenoNote® 8-Pack of Patient Education Fact Sheets in English, Spanish, and French:

Providers are encouraged to download a set of these handy fact sheet templates from the NAMS Web site, then print them for distribution to appropriate patients, as needed. Available in English, Spanish, and French, each language 8-Pack costs \$30 for NAMS members, \$45 for nonmembers. Let the NAMS MenoNotes reinforce your counseling about: Bioidentical Hormones, Deciding about Hormone Therapy, Menstrual Calendar, Birth Control during Perimenopause, Calcium Tips, Treating Hot Flashes, Understanding Osteoporosis Tests, and Sexual Desire.

2006 NAMS Annual Meeting Offers Unique Learning Experience

On October 11-14, NAMS will convene its 17th Annual Meeting at the exciting Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, TN. With a theme of “Menopause: Evidence & Practice,” the meeting offers an in-depth exploration of key issues relating to peri- and postmenopausal health. “The meeting promises new ideas for patient care as well as research,” explained James A. Simon, MD,