

# NAMS News



## NAMS 2006 Annual Meeting

At press time, the 17<sup>th</sup> NAMS Annual Meeting had not yet convened (Oct 11–14 in Nashville, TN). If you are reading this before the meeting, be sure to attend. Also, don't miss the pre-meeting Postgraduate Course addressing the controversial topic of bioidentical hormones and hormone testing.

If you can't attend this year, you can order the audio recordings of all the Annual Meeting sessions and also read the abstracts that will be published in the Nov/Dec issue of the NAMS official journal *Menopause*. Highlights from the Postgraduate Course will be available in print and online, while highlights from the Satellite Symposia will be published in a supplement to *Menopause Management* early next year, then posted online.

## NAMS Credentialing Program News

If you earned the credential of NAMS Menopause Practitioner in 2003, the maintenance deadline is December 31, 2006. To maintain credential status, you have two options: (1) re-examination before year-end (at a custom test site, as the deadline has passed to sit for the October 11 exam) or (2) submit proof of completion of 45 CME hours earned between the date of the 2003 exam and the end of this year (30 of these hours

must be from NAMS). Complete information can be found in the *2006 Credential Maintenance Application* on the NAMS Web site ([www.menopause.org/credentialmaintain.org](http://www.menopause.org/credentialmaintain.org)).

All readers of *Menopause Management* are urged to demonstrate their competency in the field by earning the prestigious credential of NAMS Menopause Practitioner. The exam will be offered next on April 27, 2007 in Durban, South Africa, then on May 12, 2007 at several convenient locations:

- Columbus, OH
- Denver, CO
- Detroit, MI
- Los Angeles, CA
- Milwaukee, WI
- Minneapolis, MN
- Montreal, QC, Canada
- Norfolk, VA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Portland, OR
- Raleigh, NC
- Seattle, WA
- Tampa, FL

The exam will also be offered on October 3, 2007 in conjunction with the NAMS 2007 Annual Meeting. For information, including an application, see the *2007 Menopause Practitioner*

## Future NAMS Meetings

### 17<sup>th</sup> NAMS Annual Meeting

October 11–14, 2006  
Nashville, TN

### 18<sup>th</sup> NAMS Annual Meeting

October 3–6, 2007  
Dallas, TX

### 19<sup>th</sup> NAMS Annual Meeting

September 24–27, 2008  
Orlando, FL

### 20<sup>th</sup> NAMS Annual Meeting

September 30–October 3, 2009  
San Diego, CA

### 21<sup>st</sup> NAMS Annual Meeting

October 6–9, 2010  
Chicago, IL

*Candidate Handbook* on the NAMS Web site ([www.menopause.org/compexam.htm](http://www.menopause.org/compexam.htm)).

## NAMS 2007 Meeting—Plan Now

“It’s not too soon to mark your calendar to attend next year’s meeting in Dallas,” said Victor W. Henderson, MD, MS, Chair of the 2007 Scientific Program Committee. “We promise an outstanding program of cutting-edge research and recommendations for translating those findings into clinical practice.” Attendees will also have the benefit of networking with experts in the field. Plus, the convention hotel—the Gaylord Texan, a remarkable entertainment complex right outside of Dallas—will add to the experience. Plan on arriving on October 2 so nothing will be missed!

## Receive NAMS Benefits at a Discount

NAMS reminds you that now is the time to take advantage of the Society’s half-year (July–December) membership rate. For the low cost of \$170, you can join 2,000 health professionals from around the world who know that NAMS is here to help with menopause practice challenges. Among the many benefits are:

- Discounted registration fees for Annual Meetings, courses, and the competency exam
- Discounted pricing for educational materials
- Complimentary subscription to *Menopause*, the Society’s official journal, and two e-newsletters: *First to Know*® (monthly alerts

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## Online Educational Programs from NAMS

Busy menopause practitioners always need convenient ways to obtain the latest scientific information. NAMS is pleased to offer the following educational programs online:

(1) The NAMS evidence-based position statement on the management of postmenopausal osteoporosis was published in the May/June 2006 issue of *Menopause* and posted on the NAMS Web site ([www.menopause.org/aboutmeno/consensus.htm](http://www.menopause.org/aboutmeno/consensus.htm)). It contains recommendations that would be helpful to every clinician providing health care for women at menopause and beyond. The position statement was designated a CME activity by NAMS (2 hours of Category 1 credit; no administrative fee). Look for more position statements over the next several months.

(2) The Society’s first live, 1-hour Webinar was held for NAMS members on July 13. This program, entitled “The Role of Postmenopausal Hormone Therapy,” was presented by Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD, NAMS Executive Director and *Menopause Management* Editor-in-Chief. Now everyone can learn from Dr. Utian’s comments as the program is posted online as Webinar #1 On Demand. Participation is free (this is not a CME activity). Go to the NAMS Web site ([www.menopause.org/webinars.htm](http://www.menopause.org/webinars.htm)) and link to the WebEx Web site where the program is posted. Other programs are planned for upcoming months.

(3) The Society’s comprehensive “Menopause Basics 2006” course is posted on the OBGYN.net Web site ([www.obgyn.net/nams-menopause-basics-cme](http://www.obgyn.net/nams-menopause-basics-cme)). Participation is free. It’s possible to earn up to 4 hours of Category 1 CME credit (no fee to NAMS members; \$25 fee for nonmembers). This program is particularly helpful for those new to the field.

of the latest scientific news with commentary) and *Menopause e-Consult* (quarterly clinical advice from bylined experts)

- CME activities that are always free to members
- Networking opportunities with the leaders in the field. ■