

AMWA Connections

The Vision and Voice of Women in Medicine

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L-R: Past President Roselyn Payne Epps, MD; Hall of Fame Inductee Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MACP, MBA.



Local Legend MAJ Mary Virginia Krueger, DO (2nd from left), and guests.



Past President Omega C. Logan Silva, MD, MACP (standing), with Marjorie Braude, MD, and AMWA Student Leadership.



Local Legend Rizwan Z. Shaw, MD, FAAP (right), and husband.

Local Legend Jan Carney, MD, MPH (2nd from right) and family.



L-R: AMWA Director Susan E. Sklar, MD; AMWA Hall of Fame Inductee Patricia J. Numann, MD.



L-R: Past President Omega C. Logan Silva, MD, MACP; Donald A.B. Lindberg, MD, Director, National Library of Medicine; Mary Lindberg; AMWA President Diane Helentjaris, MD.



L-R: Past President Elinor T. Christiansen, MD; Nancy Dobson (accepting posthumously for Leonora Howard King, MD).

The past, present and future of women's health

Susan Skaff Hagen, MSII, University of South Carolina, Region 4 Student Coordinator

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine will host a regional conference on Saturday, October 23, 2004, at Riverbanks Zoo. Approximately 150 physicians, residents, and medical students from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida will attend. The theme of the conference is the *Past, Present and Future of Women's Health*.

Eliza Chin, MD, AMWA member and author of *This Side of Doctoring: Reflections from Women in Medicine*, will deliver the keynote address, *The History of Women in Medicine*. Attendees will enjoy a networking lunch and tour the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden. In spite of the beautiful surroundings, the afternoon sessions are not to be missed! Three prominent local physicians will speak on: 1) Current issues in screening mammograms, highlighting computer assisted readings, implants, and screening controversies; 2) Current issues regarding breast reconstruction; and 3) The future of hormone replacement therapy. For more information, please contact Susan Skaff Hagen (amwaregion4@yahoo.com).

Advocacy update

Over the last year, there has been a steady increase in attacks on peer-reviewed research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In response, the Coalition to Protect Research (CPR) created an online petition and is asking physicians to express their support for scientific integrity and the peer-review process. To sign the petition, please visit the Coalition to Protect Research (CPR) at <http://www.cossa.org/CPR/cpr.html>.

Are you Registered?

The US Presidential election this fall will be a critical one for the future of reproductive rights, tobacco control efforts, and access to health care. AMWA members must get involved and make their voices heard. The first step is to make sure that you and your colleagues are registered to vote. Find out more at www.getoutthevote.org.

Four ways you can get involved Where are the residents?

Wendy E. Braund, MD, MEd, Resident Representative to AMWA Board

One of the topics that frustrates and worries AMWA leadership is the paucity of resident involvement in the organization. We theorize and debate ways to attract new "young physician" members and keep the ones we have. What we really need is to hear from these women about what they like about AMWA and what they want out of a professional organization. I have urged my fellow resident members to contact me with suggestions, concerns and comments. An encouraging number have e-mailed me expressing a desire to get more involved in the organization. Here are a few suggestions:



The simplest thing you can do is **STAY CONNECTED**. When you change your address, phone number or e-mail, inform the national office or one of the resident representatives (Wendy Braund, MD, wendy_braund@yahoo.com and Jennifer Heath, MD, jennifereheath@hotmail.com). That way, you will continue to receive *AMWA Connections*, *NewsFlashes*, and information on meetings, continuing education, and advocacy efforts.

How about **WRITING AN ARTICLE** for *AMWA Connections*? We would love to have a resident column in each issue. If you have something on your mind, and think other residents (or AMWA members, in general) would benefit from reading it, put it on paper. E-mail your article to one of the resident representatives or directly to the editor of *AMWA Connections* (amwacconnections@evms.edu).

GET INVOLVED, either locally or on the national level. Does AMWA have a presence at your institution or in your area? Join the local physician branch or start one if none exists. Contact the national office for names of members in your area or information regarding starting a local branch. Many medical schools have AMWA student chapters. Volunteer as an advisor for that group, or contact an existing "women's interest" organization and educate them about all AMWA has to offer. As a resident, you may not have time to travel to meetings, but if you have a phone and e-mail, you can be a member of a national committee. It's a great way to network and gain leadership experience. Committees such as Career Development, Leadership Development, Membership, and Programs are always seeking new ideas and people willing to implement them. While it is helpful to attend committee meetings at the annual and interim meetings, we welcome all levels of participation. Contact the national office for a complete list of committees and contact information for committee chairs.

Finally, **TALK UP AMWA**. Each year, we lose many potential members when students do not become resident members. Sometimes, it's because they neglect to update their contact information with the national office, so they are dropped from the database when AMWA mailings or e-mails are returned. More often, though, it seems that residents – with limited time and finances – focus their attention on specialty societies, or personal commitments, or the rigors of mastering their specialty. All of these are worthwhile choices, but please encourage your fellow residents to consider AMWA. Remind them of the unique role AMWA plays as the only organization for female physicians across all specialties. There are opportunities for mentorship, professional development, education, advocacy, and leadership.

If AMWA matters to you, demonstrate your commitment to the organization by getting involved at whatever level you are capable of contributing. It's worth the effort.

RHI gets a makeover



After months of diligent work, RHI is proud and excited to introduce its new look. RHI staff and Advisory Committee members worked with Big Duck Studio, a public relations firm specializing in nonprofit communications, to develop a logo that presents RHI's dedication to improving women's and reproductive health in a unified way compatible with AMWA's look. The image of the woman reflects the shape of the "R" in "Reproductive" to emphasize the connection between the two in RHI's work. RHI's mission is displayed in the tagline below the name. The color comes from the "W" in AMWA's logo, providing a visual link between RHI's work and AMWA's commitment to improving women's health. Look for the new logo to appear on all RHI-related communications and on the RHI Web pages of the new AMWA Web site.

Announcing IRHMedEd: The International Reproductive Health Medical Education Listserv!

In collaboration with John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Communication Programs, RHI's International Project is pleased to announce the launch of International Reproductive Health Medical Education (IRHMedEd). IRHMedEd is a new listserv through which people actively working in preservice medical and health education in international reproductive health (IRH) can exchange ideas and resources. Through IRHMedEd, RHI aims to strengthen the growing community of experts in this field by facilitating a global dialogue and creating an environment for advancing the field of IRH Medical Education. For more information or to join IRHMedEd, visit <http://lists.inforhealth.org/mailan/listinfo/irhmeded>.

Becoming a voice for women in medicine

Opportunities abound

Diane Helentjaris, MD

"AMWA the Vision and Voice of Women in Medicine." What does this phrase mean to you? To me? Shouldn't women's voices be especially loud when speaking of American health care? Shouldn't women's visions of what medicine is and how it is delivered be well known?

After all, if you think about it, the majority of health care workers are women. Nurses, midwives, nurse practitioners, practical nurses, medical records staff, receptionists, respiratory therapists, hospital infection control staff, physical therapists. And now, we are reaching gender parity in the number of medical students and will eventually equal and possibly surpass the number of male physicians.

In our practices, women account for more medical office visits to physicians than men. At work, younger women in lower paying jobs are more likely than their male counterparts to take advantage of health insurance, when it is available. On the home front, women still perform most of the informal family "doctoring." Remember "Dr. Mom"? Ever see a "Doctor Dad"? American women read more medically oriented magazine articles in their leisure, buy more cough syrup, and make more family medical decisions than American men.

Women have historically taken on the role of nurturers and caregivers. Although stereotypic gender-based roles are evolving, currently it is women who are the major players in the actual delivery of health care at all levels of our society. Given the time, care, energy, love, and devotion American women provide to health, don't you think our voice and vision should be shared? I do.

So, how can you be heard while you are busy in your practice, your residency, your medical education? Supporting AMWA is one way. Being a member. Sharing the message with others keeps an important, strong voice for all American women. Your support is vital to maintaining AMWA's role in women's health. Being an active member in your local branch or at the national level helps even more. Host one branch meeting a year. Interview one student for the Student Loan Committee. Opportunities for leadership abound – just ask!

We all have times in our lives when we can share more than we do at other times. There are times when we have to step back and regroup. When you do have the time to give back to the profession, make the most of it. Extend yourself on behalf of women in medicine. Pick one issue in women's health and stay informed. Maybe it will be a topic that relates to your practice, or it could be something entirely new and fresh, such as ovarian cancer, pre-conceptual health, or teen pregnancy. By having a personal focus, you will find it easier to stay up-to-date in a reasonable amount of time. Opportunities will arise for you to speak out and act on behalf of your issue. Try it! Be a voice, have a vision!

At the June Interim Business Meeting, the AMWA Board voted to restructure AMWA and its subsidiary, the AMWA Foundation, into a single, unified organization. The Board chose a single 501 (c)(3) entity as the future structure for AMWA, streamlining the organization and gaining administrative efficiencies. A Summer Task Force has been appointed by AMWA President Diane Helentjaris, MD: Violet Boodaghians, MD, AMWA VP of Membership; Clair M. Callan, MD, MBA, AMWA & AMWAF Treasurer; Claudia S. Morrissey, MD, MPH, RHI Advisory Committee Chair & Chair, AMWA Leadership Committee; Carolyn Westhoff, MD, AMWA Foundation Board Director & RHI Advisory Committee Immediate Past-Chair; Laurie M. Young, PhD, AMWA Foundation Board Director; Ex-Officios – Cathy Henry MD, AMWA Foundation Board Chair & AMWA Past President; Diane Helentjaris, MD, President, AMWA Board of Directors; Linda D. Hallman, AMWA Executive Director.

President's perspective



Diane Helentjaris, MD
AMWA President



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Women Work *at* The Xtra X Factor

January 27-30, 2005
Washington, DC



**Celebrate
AMWA's 90th year
of advancing
women in medicine
and promoting
women's health!**

Impact of Work on Women's Health: What should we know?

- Effects of women's work patterns on personal and family health
- When and how to advocate for safe working conditions for women
- Environmental consequences on reproductive/maternal health
- Status report: Current data/trends/risks/hot spots
- Recent quantitative/qualitative research findings

**Join us at our
AMWA
National Awards Luncheon
as we recognize
innovators and leaders
in medicine.**

Find answers to these questions and more at AMWA's Annual Meeting!

As we enter the 21st century, troubling issues still exist in the workplace that affect only women. At the AMWA Annual Meeting women leaders in medicine will provide the necessary guidance and wisdom to address these important life topics.

Keynote Speaker

Violence Against Women: Death in the Workplace
Marcella F. Fierro, MD
Chief Medical Examiner, Commonwealth of Virginia
Friday, January 28, 2005



Marcella F. Fierro, MD, is Chief Medical Examiner for the Commonwealth of Virginia and Professor and Chair of the Department of Legal Medicine at VCU. She has served in this position since 1994. Dr. Fierro oversees the medical examiner investigation of all violent, suspicious and unnatural deaths in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She also teaches forensic pathology to medical schools, law enforcement agencies, commonwealth's attorneys and other interested groups. Dr. Fierro serves as a consultant to the FBI on the National Crime Information Center Unidentified and Missing Persons Files and on a panel studying gunshot wound injuries.

Dr. Fierro's areas of special interest include infant and child death, family violence, and medical evidence. The need for recognition of specific types of injury and the interpretation of wounds for the instrument of origin in living patients has led Dr. Fierro, in recent years, to emphasize training in clinical forensic medicine.

Nancy C. Binder Memorial Lecture

Time, Narrative, and Loss: How We Work, How We Live
Rita Charon, MD, PhD, Professor of Clinical Medicine;
Director, Program in Narrative Medicine, College of
Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University
Saturday, January 29, 2005



Rita Charon, MD, PhD, is Professor of Clinical Medicine and Director of the Program in Narrative Medicine at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. A general internist with a primary care practice at Presbyterian Hospital, Dr. Charon took a PhD in English when she realized how central storytelling and listening to stories is to the work of doctors and patients. She is editor-in-chief of the journal *Literature and Medicine* and Principal Investigator on research projects that study patient-physician communication and the outcomes of narrative training for medical students and health professionals. She has published and lectured extensively on the ways in which narrative training helps to increase empathy and reflection in health professionals and students. She is co-editor of *Stories Matter: The Role of Narrative in Medical Ethics*.



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Get further information online at: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=DCASHHH>

Plenary Speaker

How the Environment Shapes Life, Death and Sex – Lessons from *When Smoke Ran Like Water*
Devra Lee Davis, PhD, MPH, Director, Center for Environmental Oncology, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute
Friday, January 28, 2005



Designated a National Book Award Finalist for her new work, *When Smoke Ran Like Water*, 2002, Basic Books, Devra Davis conducts research on environmental health and chronic disease. Davis is Visiting Professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School (1999-), Honorary Professor, London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (2002-), and Expert Advisor to the World Health Organization.

President Clinton appointed the Honorable Dr. Davis to the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (1994-99), an independent executive branch agency that investigates, prevents, and mitigates chemical accidents. As the former Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, she has counseled leading officials in the U.S., United Nations, World Health Organization and World Bank.

Dr. Davis received the Woman of Distinction Award from the Conservative Judaism's Women's League and was recognized by the Noreen T. Holland Foundation for "leadership in advancing the understanding of potential environmental causes of breast cancer." She was also honored by the Betty Ford Comprehensive Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society with the Breast Cancer Awareness Award, and was commended by the Director of the National Cancer Institute for Outstanding Service.



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During your stay in the nation's capital city, discover Washington, DC, as more than just a tourist – it is the heart of the American Experience. Washington, DC, has an online resource with a wealth of useful information <http://www.washington.org>



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January 27-30, 2005
Washington, DC

Reach out to colleagues during our expanded Networking Event schedule.

New for 2005! Special Leadership Workshop (priced separately)
Sunday, January 30, 2005 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Developing the Will to Lead
Katie Hurley, Peter Block, MA, and Peter Koestenbaum, PhD

Link the deep insights of philosophy with immediate, bottom-line business/practice issues to break through "stuck points" and become better at being a woman in business. This workshop compresses the complexity of universal themes that have recurred throughout history into a simple, but not simplistic, model – the Leadership Diamond – a model of the leadership mind and a methodology for expanding leadership. You will develop a new leadership language that will help you mobilize the will necessary to make the changes you seek to make in your lives, while helping you to become a better leader.

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The American Medical Women's Association designates this CME activity for hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Each physician should claim only those hours for credit that she/he actually spent in the education activity.

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Women in medicine



Linda Brodsky, MD, Chief of Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo Medical School, received a Siegel Award for excellence in teaching at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine in April 2004.

Vivian M. Dickerson, MD, of Orange, California, became the 55th president of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) at their Annual Clinical Meeting in Pennsylvania in May. Dr. Dickerson is the third woman president in ACOG's history.



Kay Herrin Woodruff, MD, FCAP, was named the 2003 Pathologist of the Year at the annual meeting of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) in San Diego on September 11, 2003. Dr. Woodruff was recognized for her many contributions to CAP, specifically for her exemplary leadership and ongoing commitment to serving patients through the advancement of pathology practice.

In memoriam: Dr. Dorothy Lavinia Brown

Dorothy Lavinia Brown, MD, the first African American female surgeon in the South, died June 13, 2004, at age 90. In 1948, Dr. Brown graduated in the top third of her class at Meharry Medical College and became the second

African American woman to be named a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She served as chief of surgery at Nashville's Riverside Hospital and as professor of surgery at Meharry from 1957 to 1983.

In 1956, Dr. Brown, an orphaned child herself, became the first single-parent adoptive mother in Tennessee. A decade later Dr. Brown campaigned for and won a seat in the state legislature, becoming the first African American woman elected to the Tennessee General Assembly.



Editorial commentary

Is information about women's lives really missing?

Mary Jo Hessert, MSIII, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Student Newsletter Editor

Reliable objective research methodology and data reporting have been and will continue to be the cornerstone of scientific inquiry. Likewise, the current paradigm for reasoned diagnosis and rational treatment in health care is evidence-based medicine. According to a provocative 2004 report from the National Council for Research on Women (www.ncrw.org) entitled *MISSING: Information About Women's Lives*, information regarding women's health and economic status has been suppressed, health education and literacy campaigns thwarted, and expert opinions refuted or ignored. The problem, says the report, is that "vital data has been deleted, buried, altered, or has otherwise gone missing from government Web sites and publications." Examples presented include subjects such as breast cancer, health education, contraception, women's wages, domestic violence, and muffled reports from expert scientific panels. Furthermore, this pattern of information subversion is pervasive; targeted institutions include the Center for Disease Control, National Cancer Institute, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, Food and Drug Administration, as well as others.

To further investigate the extent and severity of the problems underscored by *MISSING*, I referred to the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) (www.ucsusa.org). As it turns out, the *MISSING* report, which is specific to women's issues, represents a small portion of a monolithic crisis expressed by *Restoring Scientific Integrity in Policymaking*. The UCS asserts that:

"the [Bush] administration is distorting and censoring scientific findings that contradict its policies; manipulating the underlying science to align results with predetermined political decisions; and undermining the independence of science advisory panels by subjecting panel nominees to political litmus tests that have little or no bearing on their expertise; nominating non-experts or under-qualified individuals from outside the scientific mainstream or with industry ties; as well as disbanding science advisory committees all together."

This declaration has dire implications and is bolstered by a long list of scientists who have signed their name to the document in accord, including 60 Nobel laureates and other prestigious scientific and medicine prizewinners.

To alleviate scientific treason, the UCS proffered suggestions regarding 1) legislation and 2) support from the scientific community. Legislative recommendations include prohibition of scientific data censorship, a requirement for scientists on advisory boards to be professional and expert, and unrestrained access to data of federally funded studies for the public. These recommendations are not radical they are logical. It is amazing that the government has proved to be noncompliant with these commonsensical and crucial propositions.

Determining whether or not data has been tampered with or hidden, and concordant activism if it has, is a moral and professional responsibility. Physicians, as scientists, have an ethical obligation to respect and scrutinize data. Physicians, as doctors, have a tradition dating back to Hippocrates to provide patients with dependable, evidence-based medicine. A physician's quest is not only for health, but also truth and justice. This pursuit entails a commitment to interminable compassion for patients as well as constant vigilance for upstanding and honest scientific rigor.

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AMWA Fourth Annual International Women in Medicine Hall of Fame Gala

AMWA held its Fourth Annual *International Women in Medicine Hall of Fame* Gala on June 25, 2004. The Hall of Fame honors women who have made notable contributions to the health of our nation and the world or whose contributions have been significant firsts or medical milestones. This year's inductees are: Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS, the first woman chair of the American Board of Surgery; and, posthumously, Leonora Howard King, MD, (1851-1925), the first Canadian doctor to work in China.

The proceeds of the Gala support AMWA's educational, recognition and charitable programs, and serve to further our mission as the *vision and voice of women in medicine*.

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Two AMWA programs for students

Let's get active

Sarah Friedman, MSIII, SUNY Downstate, and Natalie Gallant, MSII, Keck USC School of Medicine, National Student Coordinators

It is an honor to represent the students as the 2004-2005 National Student Coordinators for the American Medical Women's Association. We would like to see the student members of this organization continue to be active and committed to women's health and women in medicine. There are many ways to do this, including initiating events and functions at your local chapter, organizing regional conferences, and getting involved at the national level by joining committees and attending the National AMWA Annual Meeting in Washington DC, January 27-30, 2005.



We are eager to see students participate in the *Woman to Woman Mentoring Program*, a Web-based initiative to connect medical students and residents online with a wide group of experienced female mentors and professional colleagues beginning this fall (www.woman2womanmentoring.com). We hope students will also get involved with the AMWA student Web site (www.amwa-doc.org). Students can get involved with the Reproductive Health Initiative and the Medical Abortion Education Project (www.amwa-doc.org/RHI.htm). Lobbying representatives, and voting during the upcoming elections can ensure that the AMWA student members have a voice in DC.

Student Get a Physician Campaign

Students are the main force behind the *Student Get a Physician* Campaign. This new annual recruitment program, seeks student assistance in inviting new physicians to join AMWA. Our goal this year is to recruit more than 200 new physician members. This is vital for a continuation of mentorship and will foster a strong bond between students and physicians of AMWA. **Many terrific incentives are offered, including:**

- ① a free four-year student membership for a medical student recruiting three new physician members, and
- ② a free registration to attend AMWA's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, for a student recruiting two physicians!

We are extremely proud of the women in the American Medical Women's Association, and we hope that the continued efforts on the part of the student members will strengthen the organization. We hope that you will read the exciting information in this newsletter, and will then sign up to become a national member if you have not previously done so. Join online: www.amwa-doc.org, become a national member of the American Medical Women's Association, and take advantage of the myriad of opportunities that AMWA offers!

Please e-mail us with your comments, suggestions, requests for advice, or critiques.

We look forward to hearing from you!!

National Student Coordinators 2004-2005, AMWA

Sarah Friedman, sarah.friedman@downstate.edu, and Natalie Gallant, ngallant@usc.edu

AMWA calendar

October 7, 2004

AMWA Tucson Branch Meeting, Tucson, AZ

October 8-11, 2004

AMWA Revitalization Weekend, by invitation only, Tucson, AZ

October 15, 2004

Deadline for Annual Meeting Poster Presentation submissions.
E-mail Shantal Hall (shall@amwa-doc.org) for more information.

October 23, 2004

AMWA Regional Conference. Hosted by the South Carolina School of Medicine, South Carolina

October 29, 2004

Deadline for Local Legends nominations.
E-mail Lindsay Hemphill (lhemphill@amwa-doc.org) for more information.

October 31, 2004

Deadline for AMWA's Community Service Award nominations.
E-mail Marie Glanz (mglanz@amwa-doc.org) for more information.

October 31, 2004

Deadline for Anne C. Carter Student Leadership Award application.
Application online: www.amwa-doc.org

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AMWA Annual Meeting: Women at Work, The Xtra X Factor
Capital Hilton, Washington, DC

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FORTH A NEW AGENDA FOR IMPROVING HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN



THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON
WOMEN'S HEALTH

There are "Four Days in October" coming up that should be a "must" entry on the calendar of everyone who has a stake in the high-visibility issue of women's health.

"A National Conversation on Women's Health" (NCWH), scheduled October 24 - 27, 2004 at the beautiful Wyndham Anatole in Dallas, Texas, will attract a thousand key decision makers, physicians, nurses, consumers, pharmaceuticals, health care providers, insurance companies, labor unions, policy makers, etc.

More than 40 of the brightest minds in America will answer hundreds of questions about women's health in a candid, interactive style rarely seen in a medical forum. This conference is about more than health. It's about Health Plus: access, education, research, well-being and the value-added when all the stakeholders come together. Together we can achieve what would not be possible alone.

For more information on the conference and how to submit your registration electronically, please visit the official NCWH website at <http://ncwh.iimonline.com>. You may also register via fax by filling out the form on the reverse side.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Lynn Epstein, M.D., FAACAP, DFAPA
Past President, American Medical Women's Association

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THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

REGISTRATION

OCTOBER 24-27, 2004 • WYNDHAM ANATOLE HOTEL • DALLAS, TEXAS

Please indicate your primary interest in women's health:

- Consumer Corporate Government Health System/Hospital Insurance Nurse/Caregiver Pharmacist
 Pharmaceuticals Physician Women's Health Organization/Advocate Other: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION ~ Please print clearly

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name for Badge: _____ Title: _____

Company/Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Note: Confirmations and program updates will be sent via email.

REGISTRATION FEE

- \$450.00 Early Bird Discount (registration and payment must be received by August 31, 2004)
 \$575.00 Registration Fee (for registrations received after August 31, 2004)

Please indicate form of payment for registration fee: VISA MasterCard American Express Check*

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name as it appears on card (please print): _____

Cardholders Billing Address (if different from address above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cardholders Signature: _____

*Make check payable to IIM and send with a copy of this registration form to: IIM ~ 22951-A Mill Creek Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Note: Please read the cancellation policy in the General Information section of the website.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Yes, I require hotel accommodations No, I do not require hotel accommodations

A block of rooms have been reserved at the special conference group rate of \$169.00 per night (plus tax). Reservations must be made through IIM in order to receive this special rate.

Arrival Date: Sunday, October 24, 2004 Other: _____

Departure Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2004 Other: _____

Preferred Room Type:* One King Bed Two Double Beds Smoking Non-Smoking

*Every effort will be made to accommodate your room request; however, the hotel will assign rooms on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please guarantee my room to: VISA MasterCard American Express Same credit card as listed above

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name as it appears on card (please print): _____

Cardholders Signature: _____

All hotel accommodations charges will be paid directly to the Wyndham Anatole Hotel. You will need to present a credit card upon check-in and settle your account upon check-out. Your card will be charged by the Wyndham Anatole hotel a one night room and tax deposit approximately 30 days prior to your arrival date. This deposit is refundable provided you cancel your reservation at least 72 hours prior to your arrival date.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Please indicate any special needs you may have in compliance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", Dietary Needs,

Food Allergies, etc: _____

Please fax this completed form to Innovations In Medicine at 949.305.0201 or mail to:
INNOVATIONS IN MEDICINE 22951-A Mill Creek Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653