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2009**

**June 28 - July 2**

Provincetown, Massachusetts

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## Medical Students

Medical students are encouraged to attend WIM for many reasons. Not only is the medical education relevant, but the network of personal and professional support at WIM is also an invaluable investment in a student's education, career, and personal growth. WIM invites medical students to apply for scholarships to help defray the cost of attending this conference. Application may be made by calling or writing the University of Vermont Office of CME, 128 Lakeside Avenue, Suite 100, Burlington, VT 05401. Phone: (802) 656-2292; Fax: (802) 656-1925. Website: <http://cme.uvm.edu>.

*The deadline for application is May 15, 2009.*

**Students:** Often your Dean's Office has funding available for you to attend conferences. These funds may cover the cost of registration and travel.

As we've done in the past, we will once again organize a Mentoring Program for medical students. Our goal is to meet as many of the needs and requests of both students and mentors as possible, while providing a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested is invited to join!

## Scholarships

Scholarships are available for medical students. Need-based assistance is available, on a limited basis, for others. Please contact Women in Medicine directly at [WomenInMedicine.org](http://WomenInMedicine.org).





## Entertainment and Special Events

*(Events below are included in registration fees for registered physicians & partners only.)*

**Opening Introductions** - This Sunday evening event is the traditional kick-off to each WIM conference. Through a night of informal introductions, each participant will hear from the other diverse, talented, and accomplished women who attend WIM. A brief history of WIM will also be presented.

**Pool Party** - Join us Monday for an evening of fun at the pool and a sunset on the beach, followed by a Girls' Night Out!

**LHF Event - An Evening of Comedy and Charity.** On Tuesday, the Lesbian Health Fund is thrilled to present the internationally known comedian René Hicks who will perform for us and lend her talents at the annual LHF auction. Come laugh and help support this unique fund-raising event which enables the continued financial support for lesbian health research.

**Closing Events** - This special Wednesday evening line-up is designed to provide both reflection and celebration.

- \* **Graduations and Transitions** - A special time to recognize the achievements of students, residents, and our colleagues.
- \* **Catie Curtis** - We are extremely pleased to present acoustic guitarist, singer, and songwriter, Catie Curtis. Join us on a sonic journey enjoying "*one of the melodic delights of our age*" (Boston Herald). Put a smile on your face and get your feet tapping - the perfect way to punctuate another great WIM experience!

## Accommodations

This year's conference returns to Cape Cod - the Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts. The Inn is a 100 room resort surrounded by water on three sides, located at the tip of the Cape. This charming retreat offers a private beach and outdoor pool on property. Cape Cod National Seashore, adjacent to the Inn, brings the natural beauty of its beaches, dunes and woodlands right to your door. Whale watching, kayaking and golf are just minutes away.

A block of rooms has been reserved for WIM conference registrants at the Provincetown Inn. Upon registration for the conference, a Housing Form will be sent to you. You may use this form to make your room reservations. Room rates include three meals per day (buffet style). Special dietary needs should be communicated to the Inn directly. Space at the Inn is limited; please make your housing arrangements (and register for the conference) early.

*Rooms cannot be guaranteed after May 30.*

If you are a registered participant staying off property, but wish to dine with the group (which is strongly encouraged), you may purchase a meal ticket package. Please indicate on the conference registration form if you are interested in this package.

## Transportation

Provincetown is located at the end of Route 6, the main route upon entering the Cape. Driving time from Boston (MA) or Providence (RI) is approximately 2 ½ hours; from New York City, about 7 hours. Regular bus service is available from these cities with travel time slightly longer than driving. Cape Air flies from Boston's Logan Airport direct to Provincetown Airport. The scenic flight takes approximately 25 minutes.

Passenger ferry service from Boston is available in season through Bay State Cruise Co., Inc. (617-748-1428) or Boston Harbor Cruises (877-733-9425). The MBTA (Silver Line) connects to the ferry.

**NOTE:** The conference begins on Sunday afternoon. West Coast participants should consider arriving on Saturday in order to attend the start of the conference.





## **Area Information & Leisure Time**

**Provincetown is a diverse and charming community which welcomes visitors with open arms. Whether your interests are cultural, historical, ecological or recreational, they will be satisfied in this beautiful coastal haven. Nestled in its winding streets are 18th and 19th century homes, art galleries, boutiques and a myriad of restaurants - from hotdog stands to gourmet cuisine. Night time is alive with clubs, summer cabarets and theatre performances. The conference is designed to provide participants with two free afternoons for enjoying recreational activities within walking distance or for exploring the surrounding area.**

**Whales played an important part in Provincetown's economy in the 19th century. Continue the tradition by joining a whale watching expedition to observe fin and humpback whales in their natural habitat. Provincetown boasts an important and dynamic environment for art in all its manifestations. The works of artists, past and present, are displayed extensively throughout town. People watching, biking, hiking, and kayaking provide additional adventures.**

## **Weather**

**The Cape weather in late June is variable with daytime temperatures averaging anywhere from 65 to 85 degrees. Dressing in layers is a good idea when visiting the area. Generally light to medium weight clothing is recommended - always bring along a sweater or light jacket for summer evenings.**

# A Women's Health Symposium

Women in Medicine 2009 marks the 26<sup>th</sup> annual retreat and CME conference for lesbian physicians, medical students and their partners. This annual gathering is a blend of education, camaraderie, networking and mentoring. The educational program is designed to address up-to-date information on a variety of pertinent medical topics related to women's health issues and lesbian health research. Breakout sessions for non-physician partners will also be conducted. This is the only medical conference where partners are not only invited to attend, but are also welcomed and encouraged to participate and learn from the high quality medical and non-CME presentations. We are proud to present a broad range of medical, ethical, and social issues relevant to today's world.

In keeping with the retreat format, only registered physicians and their registered partners are invited to attend the conference. Children are invited to social functions as appropriate.

## Course Description

This event is open to all lesbian physicians and their partners. It is intended to be a multidisciplinary review of women's health, with a specific emphasis on lesbian health. Topics vary across a broad range of medical specialties, and are appropriate for both generalists and specialists. Speakers include nationally and internationally known experts in their respective fields.

## Educational Objectives

Our Educational Objectives include:

1. Become familiar with emerging research and best practices in lesbian health.
2. Understand new modalities in assessing cardiac disease in women.
3. Gain an understanding of new molecular targets in the treatment of cancer.
4. Understand the changing view of Vitamin D on the status of our health.
5. Discuss the ethical dilemmas of physician participation in capital punishment.
6. Identify the most likely source of pain in patients with low back pain.

## New Participants & New Recruits

WIM welcomes new participants! If you are new to the conference, there are many opportunities to interact, from networking at meals to the small group experiences and social functions. First time attendees receive a 10% discount. Attendees who recruit a new registrant receive a \$100 discount.

## CME

The University of Vermont College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Vermont designates this educational activity for a maximum of 13 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Refund Information:** In the event that you must cancel your registration in the conference, a \$75 administrative fee will be charged. No refunds are possible after May 31.

**Special Needs:** Please contact the University of Vermont Office of CME if you have any special needs. We will do our best to work with the Provincetown Inn to accommodate you. Dietary restrictions need to be arranged directly with the Inn.

## Small Groups

Small groups are an **incredibly important** part of the WIM experience. Throughout the conference, these sessions offer physicians and partners an intimate environment for in-depth discussion of a variety of professional and personal issues. This is a great venue for getting to know your colleagues. Don't miss them!

## Child Care

Families with children are an important element of the WIM conference. Professional childcare providers will operate a WIM Daycare Center while the conference is in session.\* Children from 6 months to 12 years are eligible to participate in this program, offering age appropriate interactive educational opportunities, arts and crafts, and play. Evening child care will also be available. If you wish to receive child care information, please check the appropriate box on the conference registration form. Fees for child care are extra, requiring early and separate registration from the conference.

*\*Note: Professional child care will be available only if there is sufficient interest.*

**For More Information on WIM**  
**[WomenInMedicine.org](http://WomenInMedicine.org)**  
**Log-on Regularly for Updates!**

# Program Schedule

## Sunday, June 28

- 12:00-7:00     **Registration**
- 2:00-3:00     **Small Group Leaders Meeting**
- 2:00-6:00     **Children's Program**
- 2:30-3:00     **Welcome /Announcements**  
Elizabeth Tillman, MD
- 3:00-5:00     **Plenary Sessions:**
- 3:00-4:00     **The "Hypocratic Paradox" - Legal and Ethical Considerations of Physician Participation in Capital Punishment**  
Jane Petro, MD; Bobbi Sternheim, JD
- 4:00-5:00     **Vitamin D & Health: Looking Beyond the Bones**  
Carolyn Becker, MD
- 5:10-5:55     **Small Groups**
- 6:00-7:00     **Dinner**
- 7:15-9:45     **Child Care (optional)**
- 7:30-9:30     **Opening Event**  
**WIM Herstory - Introductions**

## Monday, June 29

- 7:30-8:30     **WIM Board Meeting**
- 7:30-8:30     **Breakfast**
- 8:15-5:30     **Children's Program**
- 8:30-10:30    **Plenary Sessions:**
- 8:30-9:30     **Designer Genes: Personalized Medicine in Cancer Treatment**  
Lisa Weissmann, MD
- 9:30-10:30    ***Keynote Presentation:***  
**From Madness to Molecules**  
Francine Benes, MD, PhD
- 10:30-10:45   **Break**

10:45-11:45

**Concurrent Workshops – Session I**

- \* **Self Care and Wellness for Physicians**  
Shay Bintliff, MD
- \* **Stooling and Pathology of Colon/Anus**  
E.J. McConnell, MD
- \* **Physicians in Court: From Malpractice to Expert**  
Jennifer Chaffin, MD
- \* **Preliminary Results of Year-Long Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship at UCSF**  
Patricia Robertson, MD

12:00-1:00

**Lunch/Mentor-Mentee Lunch**

1:15-2:15

**Plenary Session:**

1:15-2:15

**Does She Have Heart Disease?**  
Pam Charney, MD

2:30-3:10

**Concurrent Workshops – Session II**

- \* **Health Risks and Healthcare Amongst Australian Women of Diverse Sexual Orientation**  
Tonda Hughes, PhD; Laura Szalacha, PhD;  
Ruth McNair, MBBS
- \* **Update in Endocrinology**  
Carolyn Becker, MD
- \* **Gender Variance and the Inner Lives of Young Children: A Psychological Perspective**  
Nancy Meyer-Lustman, PhD
- \* **The Palate Expansion Project or How Our Kids Learn to Eat**  
Kimberly Duir, MD

3:15-4:00

**Concurrent Workshops – Session III**

- \* **End of Life Care Changes in the USA**  
Jane Loitman, MD
- \* **The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Breast Lesions on MRI**  
Valerie Fein-Zachary, MD
- \* **A Unique Field Experience in GLBT Health at UMass Medical School**  
Heidi Holland, EdM; Emily Ferrara, MA
- \* **How to Target Success and Hit the Bulls Eye Every Time**  
Barbara Russo, BA; Carolyn Becker, MD

4:15-5:00

**Small Groups**

6:00-7:00

**Dinner**

7:15-10:45

**Child Care (optional)**

7:30-10:30

**Pool Party/Girls' Night Out**

## Tuesday, June 30

- 7:30-8:30 **WIM Board Meeting**
- 7:30-8:30 **Breakfast**
- 8:15-12:45 **Children's Program**
- 8:30-11:45 **Plenary Sessions:**
- 8:30-9:30 **Practical Management of Low Back Pain:  
The Psychiatric Perspective**  
Lee Wolfer, MD, MS
- 9:30-10:30 ***LeClair Bissell Memorial Lecture:*  
Pioneer in Addiction Treatment; Proud  
Lesbian Physician**  
Penelope Ziegler, MD
- 10:30-10:45 **Break**
- 10:45-11:40 **Best Practices in Lesbian Health**  
Patricia Robertson, MD
- 11:00-3:00 **LHF Board Meeting/Lunch**
- 11:45-12:30 **Small Groups**
- 12:30-1:30 **Lunch**
- 1:15-6:00 **Child Care (optional)**
- 1:30-6:00 **Free Afternoon**
- 6:00-7:00 **Dinner**
- 7:15-10:15 **Child Care (optional)**
- 7:30-10:00 **LHF Event**  
An Evening with Comedian René Hicks

## Wednesday, July 1

- 7:30-8:30 **Planning Meeting: WIM 2010**
- 7:30-8:30 **Breakfast**
- 8:15-12:15 **Children's Program**
- 8:30-9:15 **Concurrent Workshops – Session I**
- \* **Global Prevention of Cervical Cancer**  
Beth Cronin, MD

- \* **Health Care Issues for Women Veterans**  
Lynn Zashin, MD
- \* **Cluttering and Hoarding: Health Implications**  
Lisa Reeves, MD
- \* **Fertility Options for Lesbians**  
Paula Amato, MD

9:20-10:05 **Concurrent Workshops – Session II**

- \* **The Pre-Operative Cardiac Clearance**  
Rebecca Allison, MD
- \* **Reciprocal Disclosure of Sexual Orientation  
in the Patient Doctor Relationship**  
Ruth McNair, MBBS
- \* **Obstetrical Issues for the Older Lesbian**  
Patricia Robertson, MD
- \* ***Lesbian Health Fund Presentation:*  
Socio-Cultural Context of Risk Among  
Sexual Minority Women Living with  
HIV/AIDS**  
Michelle Teti, MD

10:10-10:50 **Small Groups**

11:00-12:00 **Plenary Session:**

- 11:00-12:00 **The Army of Women - A New Model for  
Research**  
Susan Love, MD, MBA

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**

1:15-6:00 **Child Care (optional)**

1:00-6:00 **Free Afternoon**

6:00-7:00 **Dinner**

7:15-10:30 **Child Care (Optional)**

- 7:30-10:00 **Closing Events**  
\* **Graduations/Transitions**  
\* **Catie Curtis**

**Thursday, July 2**

7:30-9:30 **Breakfast/General Meeting**

9:30 **Adjourn**

**Course # 09-801-54**

# Program Co-Chairs

**Debra Shapiro, MD**  
**Michelle Mertz, MD**

## Faculty

**Rebecca Allison, MD**  
**Paula Amato, MD**  
**Carolyn Becker, MD**  
**Francine M. Benes, MD, PhD**  
**Shay Bintliff, MD**  
**Jennifer Chaffin, MD**  
**Pam Charney, MD**  
**Beth Cronin, MD**  
**Kimberly Duir, MD**  
**Valerie Fein-Zachary, MD**  
**Emily Ferrara, MA**  
**Heidi Holland, EdM**  
**Tonda Hughes, PhD**  
**Jane E. Loitman, MD, MS**  
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**Patricia A. Robertson, MD**  
**Barbara Russo, BA**  
**Sejal Shah, MD, MS**  
**Bobbi C. Sternheim, JD**  
**Laura Szalacha, PhD**  
**Michelle Teti, MD**  
**Lisa Weissmann, MD**  
**Lee R. Wolfer, MD, MS**  
**Lynn Zashin, MD**  
**Penelope Ziegler, MD**



# Registration Form

First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

MD  DO  Student Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of your SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

(For CME tracking purposes only)

**Please check here if first-time attendee:**

**May the Welcoming Committee contact you?**

**Yes**  **No**

Please indicate the number of your Small Group choices in order of preference (see insert for topics):

Choice 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you plan to purchase a Hoodie, designed especially for WIM 2009, what size(s) would you like?**

\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL



## Partner Information

Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MD  DO  RN  NP  PA  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Address (if different from registrant):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you require CME Credit (AMA Category 1 or Nursing)?

(Partner Only): Yes  No

**If require CME/CEU's, please complete below:**

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of your SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(For CME tracking purposes only)

**Please check here if first-time attendee:**

**May the Welcoming Committee contact you?**

Yes  No

Please indicate the number of your Small Group choices in order of preference (see insert for topics):

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## Children's Program

Are you interested in day care?  Y  N

Evening sitters?  Y  N

Activities for teens 13+  Y  N

Name(s) of children attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

***Registration Deadline: May 30, 2009***

## Registration Summary

- Physicians \$495.00 (\$550 after Apr. 15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Partners \$350.00 (\$400 after Apr. 15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Residents \$150.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Students\* \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10% Discount for first time attendees \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$100 New Recruit Discount\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarship Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send Meal Package Information  
(Only for those staying off property, but wishing to have meals with the group.)

**Total Amount Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Recruit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Medical Student Scholarships available (lodging only)

- Please send application.

*Please also check with your Dean's Office for additional funding.*

Limited need-based assistance available for others. Contact:

**[www.WomenInMedicine.org](http://www.WomenInMedicine.org)**

## Payment Method

- Check (payable University of Vermont)
- Visa    MasterCard    AmEx

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Is the billing address for this card the same address used above?

- Yes    No

If no, please print the billing address below:

**Mail to:** UVM, Continuing Medical Education  
128 Lakeside Avenue, Suite 100  
Burlington, VT 05401

**Phone:** (802) 656-2292   **Fax:** (802) 656-1925

**Online:** <http://cme.uvm.edu>

## Small Groups

Please choose three topics - in order of preference. Indicate your choices (# only) on the registration form. If you would be interested in facilitating a small group session, please indicate that as well.

1. Open Discussion
2. Office Talk
3. Students
4. Retiring
5. Couples
6. Singles
7. Newbies
8. Significant Others
9. Parenting
10. Serving the Underserved
11. Leaving Medicine
12. Recovering
13. Money/Power Issues
14. Women of Color
15. Transgender
16. Coming Out
17. Parenting Adolescents
18. S.O.S.
19. Academic Medicine