

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Busting the menopause myths**

The menopause is a hot topic in the media with increasingly open and honest conversations about this often-troublesome time of life. But there is still a lot of misleading or inaccurate information out there.

In the Winter 2021-22 issue of The Menopause Exchange newsletter, Dr Claudine Domoney, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, debunks the most common menopause myths. She gives science-based facts on a wide range of topics such as the average age of the menopause, bleeding patterns with HRT, blood tests to check your hormones and the use of contraception at the menopause.

“Listening to old wives’ tales or reading scaremongering reports can discourage some women from needing the medical help and advice they need,” says Norma Goldman, founder and director of The Menopause Exchange. “It’s important to make sure that women have accurate, unbiased and up-to-date information to rely on. This is why I set up The Menopause Exchange in the first place.”

The Menopause Exchange, which was established in 1999, is completely independent and is not sponsored by any companies. It provides impartial, easily understood information to women, men and healthcare professionals. The Menopause Exchange quarterly newsletter contains articles written by top medical experts, such as gynaecologists, GPs, consultants, specialist menopause nurses, complementary practitioners, pharmacists, dietitians etc.

Other articles in the Winter 2021-22 issue of The Menopause Exchange quarterly newsletter include inflammation at the menopause, oestrogen and HRT, and ‘When was your last blood pressure check?’, as well as news, Ask the Experts Q&As and information about Norma Goldman’s webinars.

If you’re looking for menopause case studies, we may be able to help. Many of our members are happy to be quoted or featured in publications. Please email Norma Goldman at [norma@menopause-exchange.co.uk](mailto:norma@menopause-exchange.co.uk) or call 020 8420 7245 for details.

**Menopause webinars:** Norma Goldman, founder and director of The Menopause Exchange, has been presenting talks and workshops on the menopause for over 22 years. Her in-depth knowledge has helped thousands of women enjoy a more comfortable menopause. She's now hosting her own regular webinars via Zoom. Norma's '**Understanding the menopause**' webinar is suitable for women at or approaching the menopause, women who have had a premature menopause (before age 40) or a hysterectomy, or anyone with an interest in women's midlife health. Post-menopausal women can attend presentations too. If women join the webinar, they'll be able to ask questions, receive a factsheet and hear about other women's experiences. **To attend a webinar, arrange one for a group of friends or to find out more information, women should e-mail [norma@menopause-exchange.co.uk](mailto:norma@menopause-exchange.co.uk) or call 020 8420 7245.** These webinars may be of interest to your readers.

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#### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

1. The Menopause Exchange was launched in June 1999.
2. Articles in previous issues of The Menopause Exchange newsletter include: Workplace menopause policies & guidance; The menopause: a partner's guide; Side effects of HRT; Emotional symptoms & how to handle them; Physical activity at the menopause; Waist gain at the menopause; Contraception needs for the over-forties.
3. The founder and director of The Menopause Exchange is Norma Goldman. Norma has a pharmacy degree and a Master's degree in health promotion. She gives webinars, talks and workshops on the menopause to employees in the workplace including hospitals, women's groups, healthcare professionals, GP practices, organisations, companies and at exhibitions and is now hosting her own webinars. Her daughter, Victoria Goldman, the editor of the newsletter, is an experienced health journalist, editor and proofreader, with a BSc. degree in Biomedical Science and a Master's degree in Science Communication.
4. The aim of The Menopause Exchange is to raise the awareness of the menopause among women, men, healthcare professionals, complementary practitioners, line managers, health and safety officers and anyone else who is responsible in the workplace for the wellbeing of employees.
5. All press enquiries to Norma Goldman on 020 8420 7245.