

Preface

Message from the IJIR Supplement Editor and SMS Program Chair

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The 5th Annual Research Meeting of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America, Inc., continues the SMSNA's strong tradition of excellence as the premier academic and educational force in the field of sexual medicine. This meeting, held at the beautiful Brown Palace in Denver, CO, USA, reflects the continued enthusiasm for clinical and basic science work in the areas of male and female sexual dysfunction.

I am especially proud that we have included a special Surgical Symposium for the Residents this year. I want to thank Dave Amerson and everyone at Mentor Urology, and Doug Kohrs and the American Medical Systems family for their generous support of this wonderful teaching program, which I hope will become a regular component of our annual meeting and continue our mission of educating young physicians and residents in the surgical management of erectile dysfunction.

In recognizing the critical role of the Primary Care physician in the field of sexual medicine, we are proud to include a state-of-the-art Sexual Medicine Symposium for Family Practice physicians and primary health-care professionals, moderated by Dr Louis Kuritzky, to whom I want to extend my sincere thanks.

I want to personally thank all of the people who have worked tirelessly to make this meeting a success. First, I want to thank Wendy Weiser, Sue O'Sullivan, Kelly Cushing, Alison Heimburger, Ann Marie DuPlessis and the entire staff of WJ Weiser and Associates for their tireless efforts on behalf of SMS. I want to offer my thanks to Dr Joel Kaufman, the Local Arrangements Chair, for helping to insure that all of the attendees have a memorable time in the Mile High City. I want to personally thank Doctors Greg Broderick, Ira Sharlip, Jamie Barada, Culley Carson and Wayne Hellstrom for their extraordinary help and support in putting this meeting together. Finally, I want to thank all of the speakers, abstract reviewers and the membership for contributions to this meeting. It is your continued and enthusiastic support that helps ensure that this meeting is a success.

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