



## **Hormone Foundation Endorses FDA Public Information Campaign for Women on Menopause and Hormones**

**Washington, D.C., September 9, 2003** - The Hormone Foundation joined over 20 patient and physician organizations today in support of the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health (OWH FDA) launch of their nationwide Menopausal Hormone Therapy Information Campaign. The OWH FDA collaborated with other Department of Health and Human Services agencies and many medical and patient organizations to produce information to help women make informed decisions regarding their health and the use of hormone therapy.

"The Hormone Foundation was pleased to assist the FDA with this project and work with so many organizations dedicated to improving women's health," said Dr. Robert Jaffe, President of The Hormone Foundation. "This campaign parallels the mission of The Hormone Foundation to be an information resource for the public on hormone-related health."

In addition to a fact sheet on menopause and hormone therapy, the OWH FDA will also be distributing a purse-sized guide that women can use during a clinical exam. The guide includes questions to discuss with her physician, which are important for both the physician and patient in making decisions about taking hormones. The Hormone Foundation plans to utilize this patient information as a supplement to their own hormone therapy information currently available to the public.

Patients can link to the OWH FDA materials and access Hormone Foundation resources on the Foundation's Web site at [www.hormone.org](http://www.hormone.org). The Foundation also offers an online physician referral service to assist patients in locating a local endocrinologist, who is a physician with expertise in diseases associated with hormones. "I hope that both women and physicians continue to consider hormone therapy as a viable, important treatment for the management of symptoms, especially in the early years of menopause," noted Dr. Jaffe.

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*The Hormone Foundation, the public education affiliate of The Endocrine Society, is a leading source of hormone-related health information for the public, physicians, allied health professionals and the media. Our mission is to serve as a resource for the public by promoting the prevention, treatment and cure of hormone-related conditions through outreach and education. ([www.hormone.org](http://www.hormone.org))*