

The menopause: a partner's guide

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Everyone experiences the menopause differently. Some have an easy time, with few (if any) symptoms, while others have troublesome symptoms for months, or even years. If your partner's going through the menopause, how can you support them?

In the Summer 2021 issue of The Menopause Exchange newsletter, Dr Vikram Talaulikar, specialist in reproductive medicine, gives a brief summary of the menopause and how it can affect sex and relationships, along with practical advice.

"There are many ways to help your partner," says Norma Goldman, founder and director of The Menopause Exchange. "This may involve understanding their symptoms, recognising mood swings, encouraging them to speak to their GP if they're struggling and offering practical help if they need it."

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 Summer 2021 issue of The Menopause Exchange quarterly newsletter include waist (weight) gain at the menopause, side effects of HRT, and contraception needs for the over-40s, 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 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 21 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 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 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; Menopause in different cultures; Stages of the menopause; Insomnia at the menopause; Who can't take HRT?; Menopause relief through your pharmacy; Plant oestrogens; All about ovarian cancer.
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.