

California Commission on the Status of Women and School of Medicine sponsor symposium "Women and Aids: A Conference for the Worried Well and Interested Others"

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CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN HOLDS AIDS SYMPOSIUM AT UCSD

A free symposium entitled "Women and AIDS: A Conference for the Worried Well and Interested Others" will be held from 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday, September 19 in Liebow Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine.

The symposium is cosponsored by the California Commission on the Status of Women and the UCSD School of Medicine.

The Commission will hold a business meeting from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room at the School of Medicine. This is the first time the Commission has met in San Diego in eight years. The meeting is open to the public and the media.

The symposium will be geared toward healthy women who want the most current facts about the spread of the AIDS virus and how they can protect themselves and their families from contracting the disease. Speakers will also address the confusion and misinformation that have spread along with the disease.

Topics and speakers include: "What is AIDS?" by Dr. J. Allen McCutchan; "Detection and Transmission: Fact and Fiction" by Dr. Diana L. Marquardt and nurse practitioner Kathleen Trueblood; "Talking with Friends, Family and Lovers about AIDS" by psychologist Morton Shaevitz; and "When AIDS Strikes" by nurse practitioner Phyllis Spechko. The speakers will answer questions following the last lecture.

The Commission is a state agency created in 1965 to focus exclusively on issues relating to the needs and concerns of California women. The Commission studies current problems affecting women; recommends solutions to the Governor and the Legislature; and provides information about the status of women. Local Commission members are Maxine Green of San Diego and Marjorie Hansen Shaevitz of La Jolla.

UCSD is a major center for AIDS research in the United States. The UCSD School of Medicine takes a leadership role in the training of health practitioners and in patient care in this region. For more information regarding the morning Commission meeting and the free AIDS symposium call 534-1505 or 534-3120.

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