

National Alcohol Screening Day is Thursday, April 8, 2004

National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD) will be held April 8, 2004, during Alcohol Awareness Month. The program addresses a range of drinking behaviors from risky drinking to alcohol dependence. NASD is designed to raise public awareness about the consequences of at-risk drinking and alcohol's effect on general health.

The 2004 National Alcohol Screening Day has a kit available entitled, "Alcohol and Your Health: Where Do You Draw the Line?" The kit addresses the full range of alcohol use disorders, from at-risk drinking to dependence, and offers providers the chance to educate patients about alcohol's impact on health. Included in the kit are the video "Alcohol and Your Health: Where Do You Draw the Line?" and educational materials for clinicians, including the newly released National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/National Institutes of Health guide, "Helping Patients with Alcohol Problems: A Health Practitioner's Guide."

The American Medical Association is one of the official co-sponsors of the NASD. Now is the time to begin planning events related to NASD. Possible activities include encouraging local health care providers to obtain the screening kit and organizing a screening day activity. (NOTE: In order to guarantee delivery of kit(s) by April 8, the registration deadline is March 29, 2004.)

Learn more about NASD online at:

<http://www.nationalalcoholcreeningday.org/alcohol.asp> or call 800-253-7658.