The Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North is a “Santa Fe”, southwestern-style hotel featuring an open ten-story atrium with a rock waterfall and lush greenery. It is located on I-25 in the Journal Center Business Complex and minutes from Historic Old Town, the Sandia Tram, and the Albuquerque Airport. You can find more information at www.marriott.com or call 505-821-3333.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MARRIOTT: Take I-25 North toward Santa Fe, get off of I-25 at exit #232 (Paseo del Norte). Turn left over freeway and take immediate left onto I-25 southbound frontage road (Pan American Freeway). The Pyramid is the third structure on the right.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: Please call 505-821-3333 (or toll-free 1-800-262-2043) and state that you are with the “Blood Clot Conference” and you will receive a special group rate of $94/night.

Blood Clots and Blood Clotting Disorders
Key Issues in Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention

Saturday March 10, 2007
Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North,
Albuquerque, NM

Continental breakfast, lunch and materials provided

This FREE seminar will be of interest to:
People who have had a blood clot or are at risk
People with inherited clotting abnormalities
Family members
Health care workers
Anyone wanting to know more about blood clots and wishing to advance prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombosis and thrombophilia

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To learn more about thrombosis or thrombophilia or NATT visit www.nattinfo.org
8:00 - 8:45  Registration, Coffee and Continental Breakfast

8:45 - 9:00  Who we are and what we intend to accomplish
Lynn Levitt (The National Alliance for Thrombosis and Thrombophilia (NATT))

9:00 - 10:00  Blood Clots (thrombosis)
Alex Spyropoulos, MD, FACP, FCCP
What are blood clots? Why and how do they form? Who is at risk? What symptoms do people experience? How are clots diagnosed? How are clots treated?

10:00 - 10:45  Inherited and Acquired Clotting Disorders (Thrombophilias)
Stephan Moll, MD
What does it mean to have a clotting disorder? Being aware of high risk situations (surgery, hospitalization, pregnancy) and things to do to prevent clots during these times.

10:45 - 11:00  Break

11:00 - 12:00  Genetic Testing and Counseling for Inherited Clotting Disorders
Elizabeth Varga, MS, CGC
Pros and cons of genetic testing of family members. Genetic discrimination and insurance concerns.

12:00 - 1:00  LUNCH

Breakout Sessions (Pick One)

1:00 - 1:40  Everything you Always Wanted to Know about Warfarin (Coumadin©)
Laura Earl, RN, BSN, CACP and Edward Libby, MD

1:00 – 1:40  What’s a Woman to Do?
Lisa Moore, MD
Birth control, hormone therapy and pregnancy; issues faced by women with blood clots and clotting disorders.

1:45 – 2:15  What Now? Coping with Blood Clots and Clotting Disorders
(Tentative; speaker to be announced)
How to cope with a new diagnosis; finding support; advocating for services and reimbursement.

2:15 – 2:55  Speaker panel and Question/Answer
Two people who have been affected with blood clots and/or clotting disorders will share their stories with discussion to follow; Moderator: Laura Earl.

2:55 – 3:00  Wrap-up
Lynn Levitt, NATT Board of Directors
Local and regional resources. How to Get Involved with NATT.

3:00 – 4:00  Reception (optional)
Stay and talk with NATT Board members and speakers.

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Get Involved with NATT
NATT’s membership and influence is growing. With the goal to ensure that people suffering from thrombosis and thrombophilia get early diagnosis, optimal treatment, and quality support, NATT members are committed to fostering research, education, support, and advocacy on behalf of those at risk of, or affected by, blood clots. If you would like to get involved with NATT, please send an email to nattinfo@yahoo.com.

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