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MEDIA ADVISORY

Saturday, April 7, is World Health Day, this year dedicated to "Children's Health, Tomorrow's Wealth".

In your features planning for this day you may want to consider interviews with Boston University School of Medicine faculty, whose expertise in prenatal, infant, child, and adolescent care covers a broad range.

Faculty, and their areas of concentration, include:

Deborah A. Frank, M.D., is a member of the U.S. Commission on Hunger and is also an expert on the effects of lead poisoning and breast feeding in low income women.

Linda M. Grant, M.D., is engaged in a Boston public schools' sex education program. With Dr. Spivak she is participating in the High Risk Youth program, which provides medical and counseling services, and recreational opportunities.

Michael Grodin, M.D., chairman of the School's Bio-ethics curriculum committee, has expertise in medical/legal/ethical dilemmas confronting pediatrics and neonatology (such as the recent "Baby Doe" issue).

Joel Herskowitz, M.D., a pediatric neurologist, is an expert on the common ground shared by pediatrics, neurology, and psychiatry. His research in this area includes hyperactivity, epilepsy, depression, learning disabilities, and aggressive behavior.

George A. Lamb., M.D., the director of the Family Health and Community Epidemiology Unit of the Department of Health, is engaged in research concerning reduction in infant mortality and the adolescent school health program.

Owen Mathieu, Sr., M.D., is an expert on infant nutrition, especially the pros and cons of breast feeding. He is also involved in using community resources to care for children, and in children who are victims of abuse or neglect.

Aubrey Milunsky, MB.B.Ch., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., D.C.H., the author of "Know Your Genes", and director of the Center for Human Genetics at Boston University School of Medicine, is involved in genetic counseling. He has a special interest in the genetically caused condition of spina bifida (open spine).

Benjamin C. Nolan, Ph.D., acting chief of Child Psychiatry at Boston City Hospital, is studying mental health issues as they relate to minority children, child psychiatry as an emerging mental health issue and the neuropsychological aspects in learning disabilities.

Stephen Pelton, M.D., is investigating immunization against a kind of influenza that is a major contributor to the yearly 20-million cases of middle ear infections--an illness that occurs primarily in children.

Robert M. Reece, M.D., is the Director of the Family Development Center at Boston City Hospital which provides medical care and psychological and social support for victims or potential victims of child abuse and/or neglect.

Howard R. Spivak, M.D., is project director of the Boston Youth Program and medical director of the Pediatric Primary Care unit at Boston City Hospital. In the "High Risk Youth" program, he helps to provide comprehensive health care for adolescents who are at high risk for problems with violence, drug abuse, depression, pregnancy, venereal disease, and suicide. He, along with Dr. Frank and other faculty members, has been involved with efforts to address hunger in children.

Lyn Weiner, M.P.H., and Henry Rosett, M.D., are studying children of mothers who are heavy drinkers. They recently were awarded a grant from the state Department of Public Health to further their investigations into this "completely avoidable" problem. They have discovered that such children are often physically and mentally impaired and present numbers of social problems and expense.

If you would like to arrange an interview with any of these, or other specialists at Boston University School of Medicine, please contact Casey Coburn at the above numbers.