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*****Nadelson to speak on long-term effects of sexual abuse at UTHSCD March 8.

DALLAS -- The long-term effects of sexual abuse are far greater than many people think, says Dr. Carol Nadelson, a psychiatrist who is noted nationally for her work in this area.

Nadelson will speak on "Long-Term Psychological Implications of Sexual Abuse" in Gooch Auditorium at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas March 8 at noon. The public is invited. (For directions to park, ask the officer in the booth at the entrance at Harry Hines and Butler.)

Victims of sexual abuse may suffer post-traumatic stress disorder, says the psychiatrist.

"It is important to consider the range of relationships and behavior in sexual abuse," she says. The range includes incest as well as rape, and often the definition of incest varies. "Is it a blood relative or a step-parent? Is it intercourse or exposure? The legal definitions and the psychological definitions may be very different."

A professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, Nadelson is currently a candidate for president-elect of the American Psychiatric Association. Previously she was on the faculty of Harvard Medical School, vice chairman and director of training and education in the Department of Psychiatry of the New England Medical Center and Radcliffe Research Scholar. She has also served as psychiatrist and director of medical student education in the Department of Psychiatry at Beth Israel Hospital.

After receiving her M.D. with honors from University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1961, she did an internship in medicine at University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital, which was followed by residencies in psychiatry at Massachusetts Mental Health Center and Beth Israel Hospital.

She is active in many professional organizations and has served as referee for several journals including New England Journal of Medicine, Psychiatry in Medicine, American Journal of Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and Journal of the American Medical Association.

She has produced more than 100 publications on education, the special issues of women in medicine, adolescence, sexual abuse, psychology of women, marital therapy and the impaired medical student and physician.

Textbooks she has co-edited include three volumes of The Woman Patient, Treatment Interventions in Human Sexuality, The Challenge of Change: Perspectives on Family, Work and Education and Major Psychiatric Disorders: Overviews and Selected Readings. Her co-editor for the last book was Dr. Fred Guggenheim, associate professor of Psychiatry at UTHSCD and her Dallas host.

While in Dallas she will address the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Psychiatric Society on "The Rape Victim and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder." The society meeting will begin with cocktails and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Methodist Hospital March 8. The lecture will begin around 7:30.

Nadelson will speak to the Dallas Woman's Psychiatric Society at a breakfast meeting at Southern Methodist University March 9.