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CHILDHOOD OBESITY, DEPRESSION AND SPORTS INJURIES TO HIGHLIGHT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER 2003 WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM

DALLAS – Jan. 7, 2003 – The Southwestern Medical Center Annual Women's Health Symposium, sponsored by Guaranty Bank, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 15 on the UT Southwestern Medical Center North Campus, 6000 Harry Hines Blvd.

UT Southwestern pediatricians, including Drs. Dana Hardin, Stephanie Setliff, and Karl Rathjen, will highlight preventive health strategies for children, discussing such medical issue as childhood obesity, depression and sports injuries.

The \$50 registration fee for this year's symposium, called "2003 Focus on Children," includes a continental breakfast, box lunch and valet parking. Due to limited accommodations, reservations must be made in advance by calling 214-648-2166.

The event's honorary chair is Ruth Altshuler, and co-chairs are Carolyn Horchow, Patricia Patterson, Lizzie Routman, Diana Strauss and Barbara Stuart.

Hosts for the symposium are Southwestern Medical Center, Zale Lipshy University Hospital, St. Paul University Hospital, Southwestern Medical Foundation, St. Paul Foundation, Children's Medical Center of Dallas and Children's Medical Center Foundation.

Dr. Hardin, associate professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern and clinical director of the growth hormone program at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, will address "Childhood Obesity and its Relationship to Diabetes in Children."

Providing insight on how best to recognize anxiety and depression in children, Dr. Setliff, assistant professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern, will speak about "Tears to Cheers: Understanding the Emotions of a Child." Setliff is the medical director of the pediatric psychiatry inpatient unit at Children's Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. Rathjen, assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at UT Southwestern, will discuss "Sports and Sports Injuries - What Every Mother (and Grandmother) Should Know." Rathjen treats young patients with orthopaedic concerns at Children's Medical Center and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

The symposium will be held in the Excellence in Education Foundation Auditorium in the Simmons/Hamon Biomedical Research Buildings.

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