

Baylor clinic aids women with herpes

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HOUSTON — Educating individuals with genital herpes to the nature of the virus and how it is transmitted to others is essential, a nurse at a new herpes clinic for women says.

"Probably the most important thing in dealing with a patient with genital herpes is to help her understand the nature of the disease, how it is transmitted, and how to prevent spreading the infection to others," said Martha Allen, nursing coordinator at the clinic at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Raymond Kaufman, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at the clinic, said the new program also will provide Baylor a pool of patients with which to study the disease and its suspected relation to cancer.

"There are a number of questions about herpes that have not been answered properly," Kaufman said. "By having a large number of people in a single clinic who are willing to participate in these studies, we feel we can generate a lot of new information."

Many people mistakenly think they have herpes, Kaufman said. Herpes causes lesions on the sexual organs that can recur repeatedly on genitalia and elsewhere.

Kaufman said Baylor will use the latest diagnostic techniques, some of which are usually very expensive. But, Baylor will charge \$25 for a viral culture and \$10 for blood tests.

"The prime reason for the clinic is to offer individuals a place where they can go for diagnosis and counseling that can reduce much of the anxiety associated with herpes," Kaufman said.

"Counseling may also play a major role in the care of herpes patients whose lesions recur frequently. Approximately half of the patients with genital herpes have recurrences, averaging twice a year."

One proposed study at the clinic will look at the role of stress in these recurrences, which strike some patients as often as twice a month.

"We know stress modification has been used with other chronic diseases, like hypertension, with good success," said Dr. Bernard Rosenfeld, who will head the herpes stress program.

Officials said Baylor will serve only women patients because of limited funds. Men with herpes will be referred to physicians for private care.

Merger draws criticism

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NEW YORK — With the dust settled from the most bizarre corporate takeover battle in U.S. history, the question remains whether things went too far in the Bendix-Martin Marietta skirmish.

Critics repeatedly question whether merger struggles serve any greater social or economic purpose than massaging egos of the executives involved, filling pocketbooks of teams of lawyers and bankers, and providing windfalls for speculators.

But never has the outcry been as loud as in the aftermath of the four-way battle in which two companies — Bendix and Marietta — tried in Pac-Man like fashion to swallow each other while two other giants — Allied Corp. and United Technologies Corp. — waited to pick up the remains.

Allied Chairman Edward Hennessey, who resolved the

battle by agreeing to a "friendly" takeover of Bendix, told reporters: "The spectacle of two large companies trying to swallow each other up is not very pretty, and it's a situation potentially very damaging to the companies themselves, their employees and their stockholders."

Even Edgar Bronfman — who as chairman of the Seagram Co. started Wall Street's biggest merger battle ever by launching a hostile and ill-fated takeover drive for Conoco Inc. — questioned whether there just might be something wrong with a system in which four companies amass such large amounts of money to buy stock when it doesn't help create one new job.

Bronfman, in a letter to The New York Times, said recent takeover battles have placed huge demands on credit at a time when credit is tight.

He advocated that tax laws be changed to disallow the deducti-

bility of interest on takeover borrowings so that unfriendly takeovers would become discouragingly expensive.

Marietta President Thomas G. Pownall acknowledged at a news conference last week that Marietta was financially weakened by its counter-takeover.

Bendix Chairman William Agee, who started the battle with a hostile takeover bid for Marietta, said Bendix "came out very well" from the peace settlement with stockholders getting a good price for their stock and the company remaining intact — although it will become a subsidiary of Allied.

Farmers warned against politicians' promises

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NEVADA, Iowa — A South Dakota congressman Saturday warned the nation's farmers not to fall victim to Reagan administration promises coming on the eve of the November election.

"Farmers are harvesting a bumper crop of election eve promises," said Rep. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., in his keynote address to the Farm Crisis Day Rally. He called Reagan administration farm policies "the magic election potions of those who have fought all year to kill every real plan to help farmers."

"Any farmer who believes the October promises of those who have helped David Stockman and John Block destroy the farm coalition had better hope he doesn't have to take those promises to the bank after November to meet a mortgage."

The rally was one of 10 gatherings held in the Midwest and Texas Saturday to direct attention to the depressed economic situation facing agriculture. The Iowa rally was sponsored by several farm groups called the Iowa Farm Unity Coalition, which includes the National Farmers Organization, the Iowa Farmers Union, the American Agriculture Movement, Rural Iowa Inc., and the U.S. Farmers Association.

Daschle blasted what he called a "foreclose first" policy by the federal Farmers Home Administration, while offering "plenty of money to let big oil keep its tax loopholes."

He also criticized farm state Republican congressmen who "put their party ahead of their own farm constituents" from January to August.

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