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Eastern Medicine Meets Western Medicine in Brookline, Massachusetts

Brookline, April 9, 2003 --- Dr. Janet L. Levatin, MD combines pediatrics and homeopathy in her private practice in Brookline, Mass while sharing her office space with two licensed acupuncturists, Lucy Burdo Hutchison and Robin Chapman. The three women offer a unique experience; the whole family -- from baby to senior -- can effectively be treated at one address with the most current treatments in eastern, western, and holistic medicine.

After graduating The George Washington School of Medicine with an MD degree in 1982, Levatin completed a three-year residency in pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Children's Hospital of New Jersey in 1985. Noting that she was disillusioned with the way medicine was being practiced, Levatin says her interests began to shift from "science" to people. She began her training in homeopathy after moving to Boston in 1985. Homeopathy is the primary treatment modality she uses today. Levatin is board certified in pediatrics and has expertise in diagnosing and treating diseases in children.

Burdo Hutchinson earned a Masters level diploma from the New England School of Acupuncture (NESA). In addition to treating general and musculoskeletal disorders, and doing facial rejuvenation, Burdo Hutchison specializes in pregnancy and children (she successfully healed her own morning sickness). She believes that children "deserve a good start in life, and this is the best time to clear health concerns before they become a rooted pattern." She treats a variety of ailments from infertility to bedwetting, and is currently a teaching assistant at NESA.

Chapman holds a Masters degree of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine from NESA. Licensed to prescribe Chinese herbal medicine in Massachusetts, Chapman offers a complete holistic approach in the treatment of many disorders through acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine, or a combination. Chapman has broad clinical experience (including AIDS Care Project - Boston) using acupuncture in the treatment of addiction and recovery, and as a complement to western medical care in the treatment of HIV, cancer, and depression/anxiety. In addition, Chapman is an assistant instructor in the Traditional Chinese Medical and Japanese acupuncture departments at NESA.

Acupuncture is the gentle insertion of extremely fine needles into specific points located along energetic pathways of the body. The stimulation of particular acupuncture points has been shown to induce physiological responses in the body. Homeopathic medicines act on the energy plane of the body, where many illnesses originate, and help the person to heal by stimulating the body's self-healing and self-balancing mechanisms. Levatin says that homeopathy is an ideal form of medicine for children because it is non-toxic, easy to administer, and children usually respond beautifully to it.

While their practices are separate, the three women agree that healing people naturally is their common goal. Chapman says, "The human body has the capacity to heal itself. As healers, we don't do the healing, we just guide things in the right direction."

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