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### Medical School to Host Conference on Teen Violence

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LAS VEGAS -- Sadly enough, being an American teenager has never been so grim. It's not enough to worry about what to wear to the prom when alcohol misuse, drug abuse and even date rape run rampant. And depending on what turf you happen to be on, physical education today might mean running from a suspicious vehicle coming at you, windows rolled down, and hearing the ominous sounds of semi-automatic gunfire.

**Deadly Choices: Breaking the Cycle of Teen Violence** is a conference that aims to give social workers, physicians, peace officers, and all other professionals who work with teens and their families the skills necessary to help break this downward spiraling social trend. The University of Nevada School of Medicine's Southern Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will be sponsoring the conference Sept. 29-30 at Harrah's (formerly Holiday Casino) in Las Vegas.

Physical, sexual and mental abuse intervention techniques will be included in the conference topics to be explored as will homicide, battery and gang intervention strategies. Dr. Donald E. Greydanus, M.D., pediatric program director at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine, will be the featured speaker throughout the two-

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day conference. Dr. Greydanus is a respected author and speaker on adolescent health issues. Dr. Jay Johnson, D.O., an adolescent medicine specialist at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, will also be among the presenters at the conference.

Other highlights will include a trade show featuring exhibits by community agencies that provide services to teens and a performance by Insight Teen Theatre, a troupe of Las Vegas high school actors who have developed skits based on their own experiences.

Enclosed is an informational brochure for **Deadly Choices**. Press packets will be available at the conference. If your news organization would like to do an advance report on **Deadly Choices**, please contact Lynette Hein at 383-2638.

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