U.S. Senate field hearing to be held Monday, Jan. 11, in Hiebert Lounge

The U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, chaired by Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, will hold a field hearing on women's health issues on Monday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. in the Hiebert Lounge. The meeting is open to the public and to faculty, staff, students and employees of the Medical Center.

Bernadine Healy, M.D., director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will provide an update on women's health research at NIH. She will be followed by five witnesses, two of whom, Hortensia Amaro, M.D., and Lynn Rosenberg, M.D., are members of the School of Medicine faculty. Amaro is an associate professor of pediatrics and public health; Rosenberg is a professor of epidemiology and the assistant director of BUSM’s Slone Epidemiology Unit. Other witnesses include Lori Laffei, M.D., a senior physician at Joslin Diabetes Center; Judy Ockene, M.D., a professor of medicine and director of preventive and behavioral medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Jeanne Wei, M.D., chief of the division of gerontology at Beth Israel Hospital.

It is possible that other members of the senate committee will join Sen. Kennedy at the hearing, but as of Thursday morning this could not be confirmed.