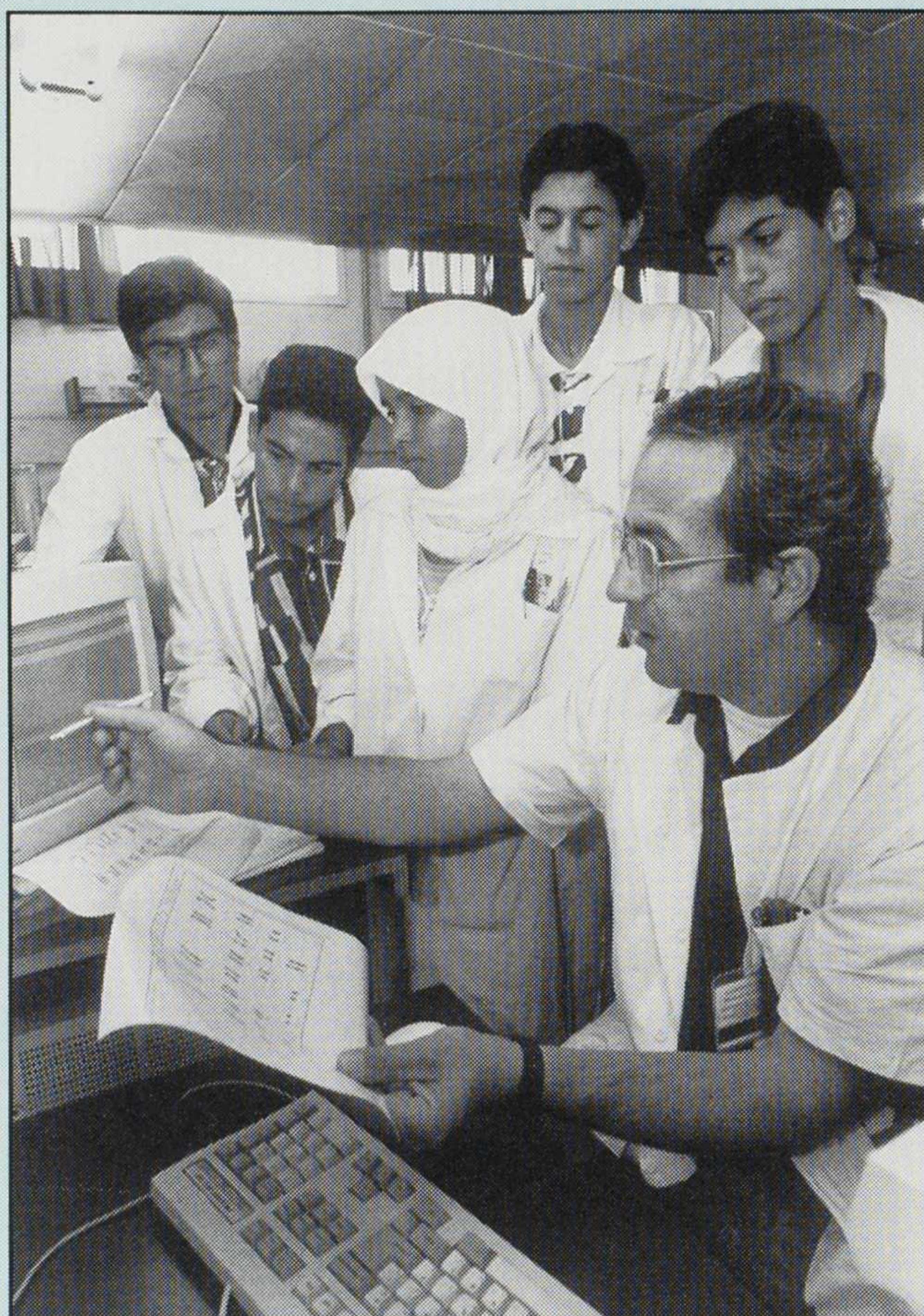
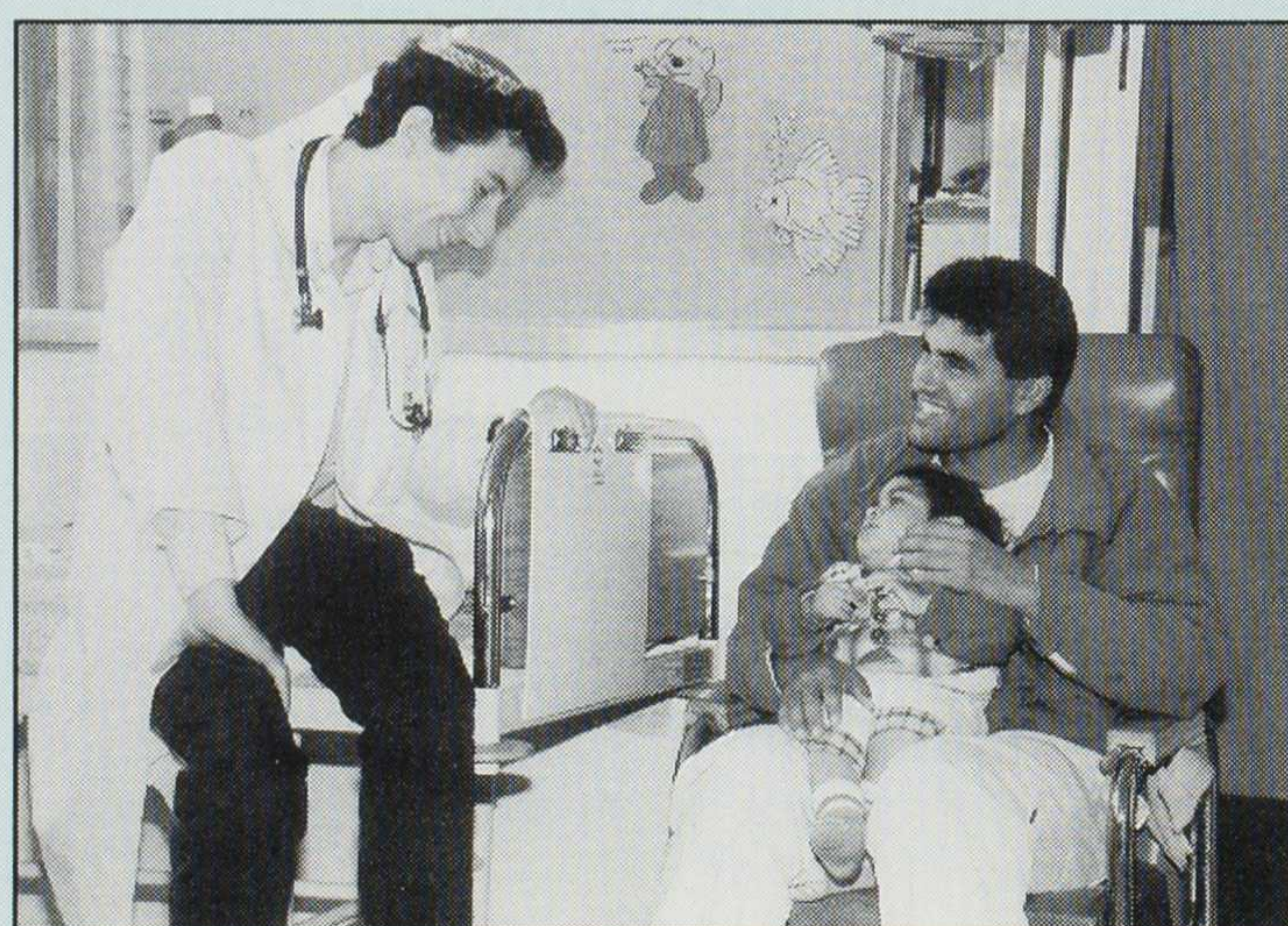




*Basic sciences, often studied in small groups, are oriented toward practical application. Teaching methods include fewer lectures and more group discussions, tutorials, clinical and epidemiological projects and field work, encouraging independent study and the maintenance of high standards while developing the ability to care for others.*



*BGU medical students are trained to be aware of patients' psychological and sociological backgrounds as well as their medical problems. The patient is regarded as a human being, part of a family, a community and a culture — factors which must be taken into account when treating the illness.*

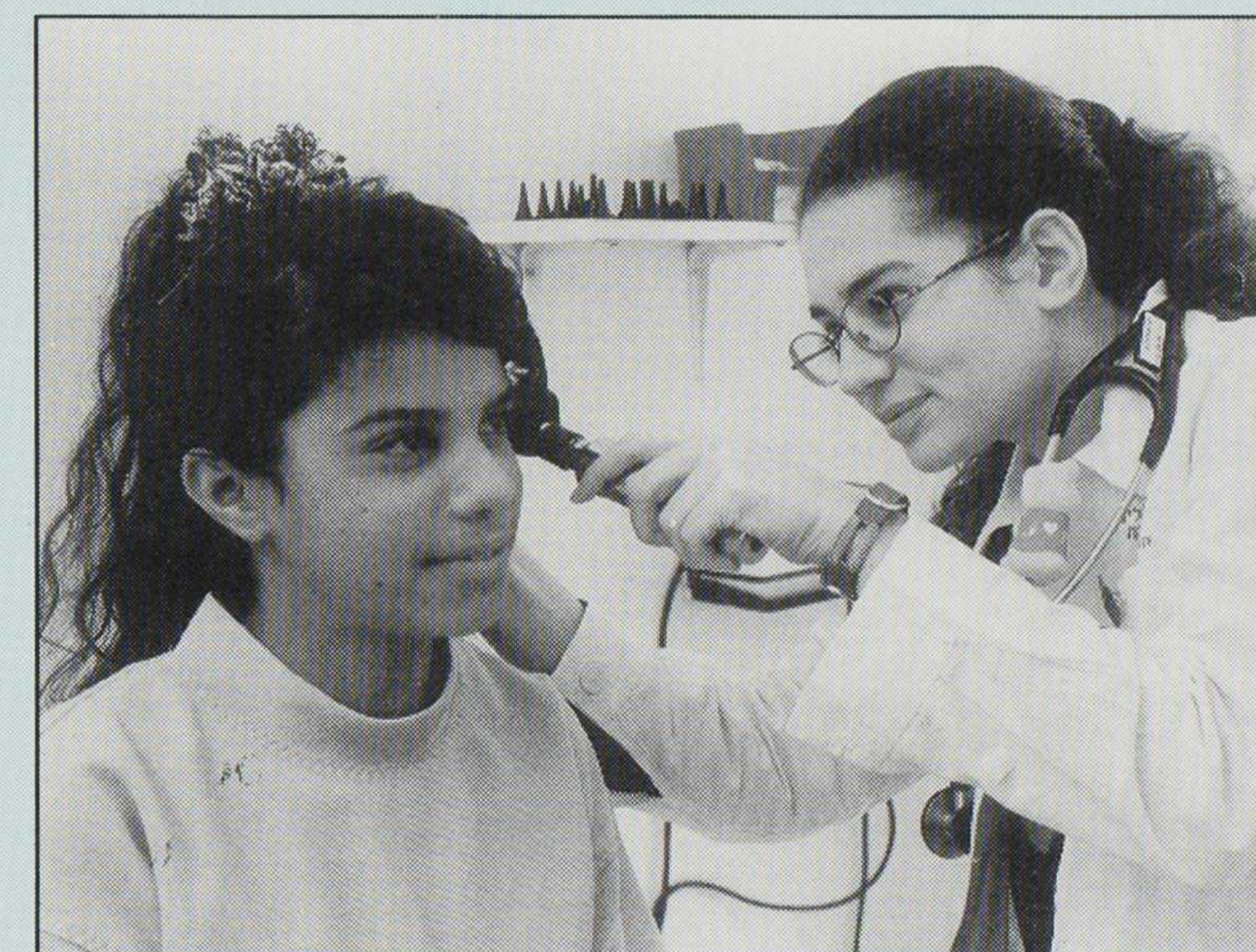
*A new breed of doctor: A recent survey cited BGU Medical School Graduates as outstanding in doctor-patient relationships and as good or better than graduates of other Israeli schools in 14 other categories. This high level of success is the reason BGU's educational "experiment" has now become the model for a growing number of medical schools around the world.*



*An integral component of the medical education program is research. Research into genetic diseases which are specific to ethnic groups has expanded into pre-screening and counseling services. In one program, all pregnant women are routinely tested for gestational diabetes, allowing students and physicians to conduct unusually broad-based investigations into the cause and prevention of diabetes in various ethnic groups.*



*The special emphasis the BGU model places on human values has engendered a group of medical care professionals well-trained in medicine who have empathy, compassion and a holistic attitude toward patients.*



*The medical school curriculum is unique: An integrated six-year program followed by a year of internship, emphasizing clinical skills as well as medical sciences.*

Thanks in large part to the American Associates, Ben-Gurion University and its support of BGU and the medical school, several hundred highly trained physicians and health care professionals have now settled in the Negev to serve the complex health needs of its residents.

For them, teaching, research and service go hand in hand.