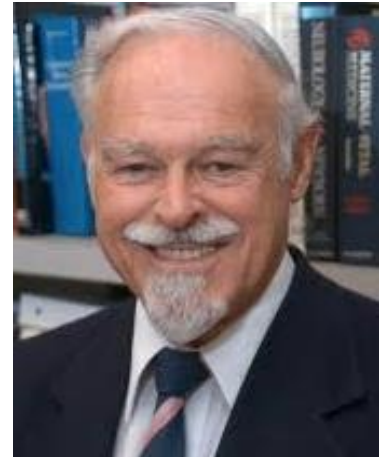


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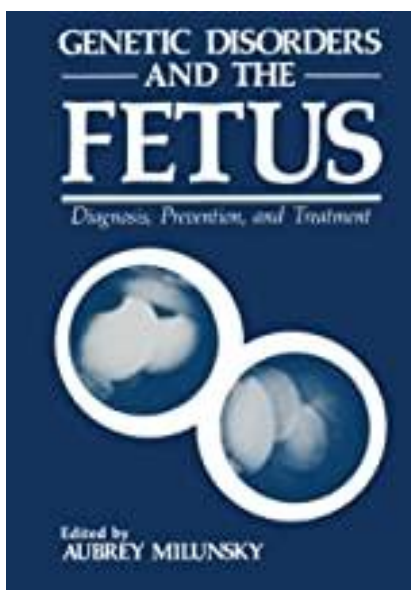
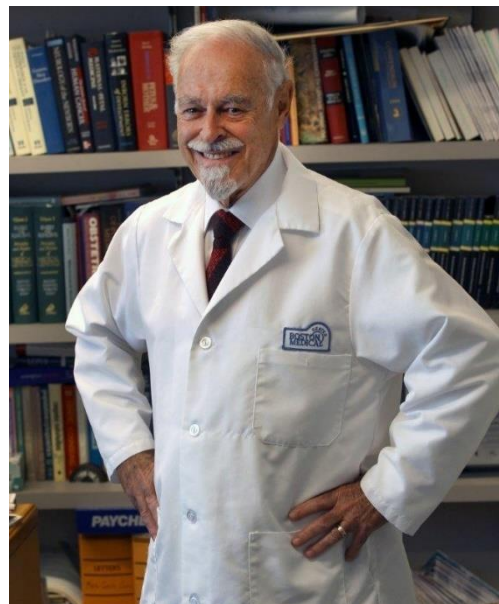
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Aubrey Milunsky is the founder of the non-profit Centre for Human Genetics, now in its 38<sup>th</sup> year. He is now, in his 80s a Co-Director with his son Jeff and is an adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Tufts University School of Medicine. He was Professor of Human Genetics, Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Pathology at Boston University School of Medicine. Boston University named the Aubrey Milunsky Chair in Human Genetics.

He was born to Harry and Janey Milunsky, in 1937, and first lived in Florida, a small mining town south west of Johannesburg, before the family moved to the main centre in the 1950s where he attended Parktown Boys' High School Johannesburg. At Wits Medical School he served on the Student Medical Committee in his two final years. He is triple board-certified in Paediatrics, Genetics, and Internal Medicine. He served as a medical geneticist at



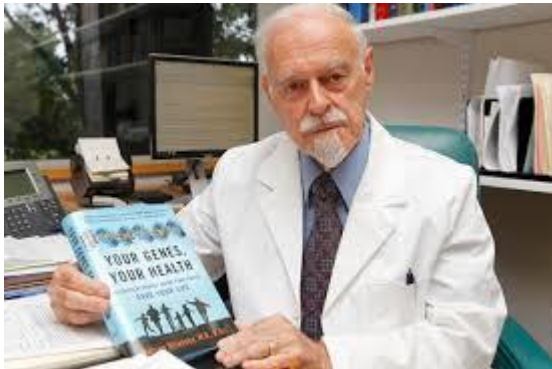
Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts General Hospital

for 12 years before his professorial appointments at Boston University School of Medicine. The Centre's laboratories are a major International Referral Centre for molecular diagnostics and for prenatal genetic diagnosis, now located in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He is the author and/or editor of 26 books, including all 7 editions of his major reference work, Genetic Disorders and

the Fetus: Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment, now written and co-edited with his son, Jeff, who was Professor of Pediatrics and Genetics and Genomics at Boston University School of Medicine. This book received the “Highly Commended” Award Certificate in 2010 from the British Medical Association. The eighth edition with 37 chapters and a likely 1300 pages, will be published in early 2021.

He wrote the first book ever on The Prenatal Diagnosis of Hereditary Disorders (1973).



He has published seven books for the lay public, the last two being ‘Your Genes, Your Health: A Critical Family Guide That Could Save Your Life’ and ‘I Didn’t Know, I Didn’t Know: Avoidable Deaths and Harm due to Medical Negligence’. An earlier book (Know Your Genes) appeared in nine languages. He is the author or co-author of over 450 scientific communications.

He has given hundreds of lectures, including in 36 countries and the Vatican.

He originated a postgraduate Continuing Medical and Legal Education Course now planning for the 37<sup>th</sup> year, being the longest CME course in the long history of Boston University School of Medicine. He has testified as an expert witness in over 100 trials in the USA.

In 1982, he was honored by election as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of England. In that year, his alma mater, the University of the Witwatersrand School of Medicine, conferred the D.Sc. degree for his work on the prenatal detection of genetic disorders. He is an elected member of the Society for Pediatric Research and the American Pediatric Society and a Founding Fellow of the American College of Medical Genetics. He has been listed repeatedly in the “Guide to America’s Top Pediatricians” and listed in “Top Doctors” in Genetics in Boston. He is a past President of the American Society of Law and Medicine.

He has led the teams that first located the gene for X-linked Lymphoproliferative disease, first cloned the PAX3 gene for Waardenburg syndrome, first demonstrated the 70% avoidance rate for spina bifida in response to folic acid supplementation, and first determined newly recognized genes for Chronic Intestinal Pseudo-Obstruction. He and his coworkers have made the first prenatal diagnosis of various genetic disorders, including tuberous sclerosis.

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