

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Jan. 15, 2003 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on glaucoma in children, bone loss and acute jaw and face pain. Participants will be compensated according to the specific requirements of each study. All trials are approved by the Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

GLAUCOMA IN CHILDREN

UT Southwestern's department of ophthalmology is currently looking for pediatric patients who are diagnosed with glaucoma or ocular hypertension and are not responding well to their current medication. Study participants will be given FDA-approved eye drops. Children 1 week to 6 years of age are eligible to participate in the study. Participants will receive free eye care, medication and financial compensation for completing the study. For more information, call 214-648-4749.

BONE LOSS

UT Southwestern scientists are conducting a study to compare the effects of two drugs in preventing post-menopausal bone loss. Women between the ages of 45 and 80 are needed to participate in the study. Participants must not be taking estrogen, other bone-saving agents, diuretics or steroids. Participants will receive a bone mineral density analysis and other tests as part of the study. Volunteers also will receive financial compensation for their participation. For more information, call 214-648-6494.

ACUTE JAW AND FACE PAIN

UT Southwestern researchers are looking for volunteers between 18 and 70 years of age who have been experiencing jaw pain or discomfort for six months or less. The study, sponsored by the National Institute of Dental Health Research, will assess the factors that may help determine which type of treatment is best at reducing the length of time patients experience distressful symptoms. Treatment is free and noninvasive. Participants will receive financial compensation. For more information, call 214-648-5284.

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For information about other clinical trials at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, visit <http://www3.utsouthwestern.edu/patient/clinical.htm>