

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – June 21, 2001 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies. Following are three of the trials being conducted. Participants will be compensated according to the specifics of each study. All trials are approved by the Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

LUNG CANCER

The Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern is seeking smokers or former smokers aged 45 and older to participate in a clinical trial involving the use of CT scans for early detection of lung cancer. Participants must have a history of smoking at least one pack of cigarettes a day for at least 10 years. Those who meet enrollment requirements will have an initial CT scan and follow-up scans at regular intervals. Patients will be responsible for some costs. For more information, call 214-648-7035.

BONE BIOPSY AND URINE CALCIUM STUDY

Normal volunteers between the ages of 25 and 65 are needed for a three-phase study at UT Southwestern investigating the bone loss in stone formers. Participants will receive free screenings, including blood tests (measuring kidney and liver function and parathyroid hormone levels), 24-hour urine calcium tests and bone mineral density tests. Participants who complete the study will earn \$800. The study involves a bone biopsy (to determine bone formation, resorption and mineralization) and two treatment phases. For more information, call 214-648-2804.

CROHN DISEASE

Men and women who have been diagnosed with Crohn disease for at least six months are needed for a trial at of a new drug at UT Southwestern. The drug will be taken once a week for 24 weeks, and patients will visit the doctor 12 times. Some participants will receive a placebo. Women must not be pregnant or breastfeeding during the study, and participants must not need surgery for Crohn's. For more information, call 214-648-3417.