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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Nov. 18, 2003 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on bone loss, acne, and genital herpes. Any compensation will be based on the specific requirements of each study. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Bone loss

Men and women 65 years of age and older without osteoporosis are needed for a UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas study on bone loss. The 27-week study will evaluate the effectiveness and safety of a medication designed to prevent age-related bone loss. Medications and medical tests related to the study will be provided at no charge and patients also will receive financial compensation. For more information, call 214-648-8666.

Acne

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas dermatology researchers are looking for patients at least 18 years of age with postinflammatory hyperpigmentation, a condition in which acne leaves dark spots on the skin. The study will test the effectiveness of an investigational cream designed to make the spots less noticeable. Candidates must not be pregnant or breastfeeding and must stop using other acne treatments while participating in the study. Participants will receive free study medication and study-related medical care. For more information, call 214-648-5751.

Genital herpes

Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are recruiting people who have been diagnosed with genital herpes and have had four or more recurrences within the past year. Researchers hope to determine whether people who have had two recurrent episodes of herpes within a three-month period would benefit from suppressive therapy. They also hope to learn whether patients prefer episodic treatment, which is given only when symptoms arise, or suppressive treatment, which is administered regularly whether symptoms are present or not. Participants should be at least 18 years old and currently having active symptoms associated with a recurrent episode of genital herpes. Participants will receive free study medication. For more information, call 214-648-5751.

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For information about other clinical trials at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, visit <http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/utsw/cda/dept24109/files/69796.html>.

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