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Patients sought for psoriasis, depression and incontinence studies

DALLAS – May 19, 2006 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on psoriasis, recurrent depression and incontinence. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Psoriasis

Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center are currently enrolling subjects 12 years of age and older to participate in a 16-week research study involving an investigational cream for psoriasis. Candidates must not be pregnant or breast feeding and must be in good general health. Participants who qualify will receive study-related medical care and medication at not cost. For more information, call 214-648-5751.

Recurrent depression

UT Southwestern Medical Center researchers are seeking individuals for a study on recurrent depression. Eligible participants must be between 18 and 70 years old, have experienced at least two episodes of major depressive disorder and not currently be under psychiatric treatment. They also must have no current history of alcohol or drug dependence. Those eligible will receive cognitive therapy at no cost. Some will then receive additional cognitive therapy, medication or pill placebo, also at no cost. For more information, call 214-648-5351.

Incontinence

Women with stress urinary incontinence are needed to enroll in a clinical study at UT Southwestern Medical Center to compare the outcomes of minimally invasive surgical procedures. Eligible participants must be 21 years and older and have stress incontinence, a condition defined as the accidental leakage of urine during activities such as coughing, laughing, sneezing, or lifting heavy objects. Women who are pregnant, were pregnant in the last 12 months, or intending to become pregnant during the study are ineligible to participate. For more information, contact Norma Page or Kelly Moore at 214-645-8797.

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