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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – May 21, 2003 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on kidney stones, hypertension, and asthma, allergies and atopic dermatitis. Participants will be compensated according to the specific requirements of each study. All trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Bones and Stones

Researchers at UT Southwestern are recruiting people to study why kidney stone-formers are at risk for bone fracture. Individuals with or without a history of kidney stones may qualify to participate. Researchers also hope to determine whether a common osteoporosis drug lowers urinary calcium, a leading cause of kidney stones, while preventing fracture. Lowering the urinary calcium might ward off kidney stones, a painful and sometimes debilitating condition, which affects 5 to 10 percent of all Americans. Study-related medications, medical evaluations and financial compensation will be provided. For more information, call 214-648-2804, and press 1 when prompted.

Asthma, allergies and atopic dermatitis

UT Southwestern researchers are seeking patients 18 to 55 years of age with asthma, allergies or atopic dermatitis who have never used prednisone. The study will examine the short-term effects of prednisone on mood and memory. For more information, call 214-645-8129.

Hypertension

The division of hypertension at UT Southwestern is conducting research to study effects of estrogen skin patches on blood pressure and inflammation markers. Researchers are seeking healthy postmenopausal women with no medical problems – such as diabetes mellitus, liver disease, or heart problems – to participate in the six-month study. Participants will receive financial compensation and study medication at no charge. For more information, call 214-648-2968.

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

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