

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – March 19, 1999 – 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.

ASTHMA

Participants are needed for a 24-week study of new asthma medications. Study subjects must be nonsmokers over the age of 15, have asthma requiring daily inhaler use and not be using inhaled steroids. Volunteers will be evaluated and treated by experienced allergy physicians at no cost, and will be reimbursed for their time. For more information, call (214) 648-5659.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Parkinson's patients between 40 and 80 years of age with recent, untreated symptoms are being sought for a nationwide drug trial. Some patients will receive the drug riluzole, others a placebo for the two-year study. To qualify, patients must have been diagnosed within the last three years and have no prior history of taking anti-Parkinson's medication. For more information call (214) 648-6449.

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

People 18 or older who have suffered a traumatic event are needed for a study investigating the use of a new medication in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder. Common symptoms include re-experiencing the traumatic event, avoidance of things associated with the event and increased arousal. Participants must be in good health and be available for about 10 clinical appointments within a 17- to 21-week time frame. Participation includes EKG, blood tests and medication. For more information, call (214) 648-8333.