

# **SOUTHWESTERN NEWS**

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## **PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN**

DALLAS – May 19, 1999 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies. Following are three of the current trials. 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.

### **RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY**

Patients are needed to help determine ideal body proportions for reconstructive surgery. The Department of Plastic Surgery is conducting a study targeting females ages 18 through 45. Participation includes non-identifying photos and measurements of the thorax and chest areas. Confidentiality is assured. For more information, call (214) 648-2290.

### **CHOLESTEROL**

Volunteers are needed for a family cholesterol study. People with triglyceride levels of more than 225 mg/dl are needed to study genetic determinants of plasma triglyceride levels. Family members also will be asked to participate. People with high cholesterol who are not aware of their triglyceride levels are encouraged to call for a free cholesterol screening to see if they qualify for the study. For more information, call (214) 648-5629.

### **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 in a 17- to 21-week time frame. Participation includes electrocardiograms, blood tests and medication. For more information, call (214) 648-8333.

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