

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – June 15, 2002 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bone loss and aging or eyelid inflammation. 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.

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

Researchers in the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine at UT Southwestern are conducting a study that will evaluate the effect of a new medication and exercise tolerance on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The researchers are seeking people between the ages of 40 and 75 who have been diagnosed with COPD, emphysema or chronic bronchitis. Past and present heavy smokers may also qualify for this study. All volunteers will receive at no cost lung function tests, electrocardiograms, exercise stress tests, study medications and compensation for their participation in the study. For more information, call 214-345-6574.

BONE LOSS AND AGING

Women who are 65 or older are needed for a 27-week UT Southwestern study to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of a medication for preventing bone loss during aging. Women who do not have osteoporosis may be eligible. Study-related medication and tests are free. Participants must provide their own transportation. Study subjects will be compensated. For more information, call 214-648-9012.

EYELID INFLAMMATION

The Department of Ophthalmology is currently seeking patients who are diagnosed with chronic bacterial blepharitis, or inflammation of the eyelids. Patients must be at least 4 years old, and women must not be pregnant or lactating. Participants will receive at no cost investigational eye medication, eye examinations and compensation. For more information, call 214-648-4749.

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