

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Nov. 15, 2002 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on steroid-induced cognitive impairment, adolescent depression or osteoarthritis. All trials are approved by the Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

STEROID-INDUCED COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas' department of psychiatry is looking for patients who are taking prednisone or another oral steroid to participate in a year-long research study with 11 visits. Men and women who have been taking prednisone for at least six months and are between the ages of 18 and 65 may be eligible to participate in the study. Participants will receive either lamotrigine or a placebo for six months, have mood and memory evaluations and two magnetic resonance images and receive financial compensation for completing the study. For more information, call 214-645-8132.

ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is seeking patients between the ages of 12 and 17 who have been diagnosed with a major depressive disorder. This multi-center, National Institute of Mental Health study will compare how effective different treatments are for teenagers with depression. The treatments provided are medication alone, cognitive behavior therapy, or a combination of both. All study evaluations, medications and therapy for eligible participants are provided at no cost. For more information, call 214-648-4397.

OSTEOARTHRITIS

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is seeking people between the ages of 50 and 85 years of age with diagnosed osteoarthritis in the shoulder, hip, knee or back for a study of an investigational medication. Qualified participants will receive study medication, study-related visits and study-related laboratory testing at no cost. For more information, call 214-648-9111.

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