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Patients sought for low-carb diet, stroke, and dental implant studies

DALLAS – June 16, 2005 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on strokes that run in families, dental implants for patients with dentures and a study determining the effects of low-carbohydrate diets on otherwise healthy volunteers.

Low-Carbohydrate Diet

Participants are needed for a low-carbohydrate diet study at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Researchers will be studying the effect of dietary carbohydrate restriction on liver sugar metabolism. Benefits include: free dietary counseling on how to initiate one of the most popular low-carbohydrate diet plans; food free of charge for a portion of the study; a complete health evaluation and improved weight control. Eligible candidates must be 18 to 65 years of age, be in good health (i.e., no chronic diseases), not be on a current diet plan or diet pill, have a normal activity level and ingest no more than one alcoholic drink a day. If interested in this study, please contact Jeannie Davis at 214-648-5856 or Jeff Browning at 214-648-5941.

Stroke

UT Southwestern Medical Center researchers are looking for volunteers in the Siblings with Ischemic Stroke Study. This National Institutes of Health-funded study's purpose is to scan the human genome for regions that correlate with the risk of having an ischemic stroke. Participants must be 18 years old and have at least one living full sibling who has suffered a stroke. It does not matter where the sibling resides; they are not required to live in the same town as the study participant. Patients chosen for the study will have a member of a home health agency visit their residence for a one-time blood draw. Those interested in participating should contact Gregg Wright at 214-648-0363.

Dental Implants

Physicians with the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center are looking for individuals to participate in a dental implant study. If you or someone you know has loose fitting lower dentures, dental implants that increase stability can be inserted at no charge to those chosen for the study. For more information, call Brian Walker at 214-648-3034.

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