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## **Patients sought for cardiac device, Alzheimer's and denture implant trials**

DALLAS – Feb. 17, 2006 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on implantable cardiac devices, Alzheimer's disease and denture implants. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

### **Implantable cardiac device**

UT Southwestern Medical Center researchers are conducting a clinical trial to investigate the therapeutic use of a new investigational, implantable cardiac device for patients with moderate to severe heart failure. Study participation will last 12 months. Those enrolled must be 18 years and older, male or female, have moderate to severe heart failure, be on stable medical therapy, can have an existing implantable pacemaker or defibrillator, be able to provide informed consent and be willing to return for follow-up visits at our center. Other eligibility requirements are included before enrollment. Compensation for time and travel is included. If you are interested or would like more information, please call 214-590-5015.

### **Alzheimer's disease**

Men and women ages 55 to 90 are being sought at UT Southwestern Medical Center for a three-year imaging study on Alzheimer's disease. To be eligible, you must be in general good health with either no memory problems, some memory concerns, a diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment or early Alzheimer's disease. Some reimbursement is available. Call 214-648-9335 for further information.

### **Denture implants**

Physicians in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center are looking for people with loose fitting lower complete dentures to participate in an implant study to determine whether an implant-supported denture improves a person's biting force and jaw muscle efficiency. Those who meet the trial criteria will undergo the procedure at no charge. Participants must return for four follow-up visits to complete bite force testing. For additional information, call Liz Muscatell at 214-648-3034.

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