

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – June 17, 2003 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on brain function, depression and bed rest. Participants will be compensated according to the specific requirements of each study. All trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Bed rest

UT Southwestern researchers are seeking healthy men and women between 18 and 50 years of age for an eight-week National Aeronautics and Space Administration-funded study on kidney stones. Those who qualify will be asked to undergo three weeks of study as outpatients and five weeks of strict bed rest as inpatients in the General Clinical Research Center at UT Southwestern. This study is designed to mimic conditions in space. Weekly blood and urine collections will be used to evaluate whether a treatment could reduce the risk of kidney stones in this setting. To be eligible you must be free of kidney stone disease and skeletal disease and must not be taking medication. Participants who complete the study will be financially compensated. For more information, call 214-648-3872.

Brain function

Researchers at UT Southwestern are seeking healthy volunteers for a study of normal brain function. Participants will undergo magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the brain while engaging in auditory and visual attention tasks. To be eligible you must be right-handed and 21 to 35 years old. Participants will be financially compensated. For more information, call 214-648-4641.

Depression

The Department of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern is conducting research on cognitive therapy for depression. Patients must be drug free, not currently participating in psychiatric treatment and have exhibited some symptoms of depression more than once in their life. Patients will receive free cognitive therapy for their participation in the first part of the study and receive either medication, additional therapy or a placebo for the second part. For more information, call 214-648-5351.

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