

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – May 15, 2002 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on kidney stones, blepharitis or depression. 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.

KIDNEY STONES

Normal volunteers and kidney stone-formers between the ages of 25 and 65 are needed for a UT Southwestern study investigating the bone loss in kidney stone-formers. Participants will receive free screening, including blood tests (such as tests for kidney and liver function, and parathyroid hormone), 24-hour urine calcium and bone mineral density. The study involves a small bone sample and an optional treatment phase with alendronate, an agent approved for osteoporosis. Participants will be compensated according to participation. For more information, call 214-648-2804.

BLEPHARITIS OR ROSACEA

Volunteers with blepharitis or rosacea are needed for a study at UT Southwestern. Researchers are looking for people with the following symptoms -- itching, foreign-body sensation, tearing, crusting, and redness of the eyes and eyelids along with thickened eyelid margins and redness of the cheeks, forehead and nose. If you are suffering from these symptoms and have not been on antibiotics for at least two weeks, you may be eligible. Participants must not be pregnant or nursing. Volunteers will be compensated. For more information, call 214-648-8480.

DEPRESSION

If you have experienced symptoms of depression – a sad mood, loss of interest in activities, difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much, feeling tired or having low energy, feeling guilty or experiencing changes in weight or appetite – you may qualify for a UT Southwestern study. Participants must have been depressed more than once in their lives and must be drug free and not currently under psychiatric treatment. For more information, call 214-648-5351.

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