

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – May 19, 2000 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies. Following are three of the trials being conducted.

Participants will be compensated according to the specifics of each study. All trials are approved by the Institutional Review Board, which evaluates them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

POST-MENOPAUSAL OSTEOPOROSIS

Women who are 55 years or older may be eligible to participate in a 54-month study that compares the effectiveness of two different osteoporosis drugs. Participants will be randomly assigned to take one of the drugs and a calcium supplement. Women who have osteoporosis and are not taking estrogen or prescription medication for osteoporosis are needed for the study, which will require 11 clinic visits. Participants will receive free medical supervision, periodic X-rays, bone-density measurements, lab tests and medication. For more information, call 214-648-8666.

ESSENTIAL TREMOR

Volunteers with arm tremors due to essential tremor, not Parkinson's disease, are needed for a trial of primidone treatments. For most subjects, the trial will involve two clinic visits three weeks apart. Participants will be compensated with free study-related clinic visits. For more information, call 214-648-7964.

PEDIATRIC DEPRESSION

Children who are between the ages of 7 and 18 and are experiencing symptoms of depression are needed for several studies of pediatric depression. To qualify, children must be sad, irritable, tearful, socially withdrawn, feeling hopeless, tired or showing a decreased interest in activities. Evaluations and treatment are free if a child is eligible for one of the studies. For more information, call 214-456-8918.

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