

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## **Patients sought for scalp ringworm, psychiatric illnesses and incontinence clinical trials**

DALLAS – Nov. 15, 2004 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on scalp ringworm, psychiatric illnesses and urge urinary incontinence. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

### **Scalp ringworm**

Dermatologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are looking for children to participate in a study testing an investigational medication to treat scalp ringworm, a fungal infection of the scalp that causes an itchy, red scalp or a bald spot with scaly, black dots where hair has broken off. Participants should be between 4 and 12 years old and currently have scalp ringworm. Free study-related medication and exams will be provided for those selected. For more information, call 214-648-5751.

### **Psychiatric illnesses**

If you or a family member has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder with psychotic features or bipolar disorder with psychotic features, you may be eligible for studies on psychiatric illnesses at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Financial compensation will be provided to those who qualify. For information or an appointment, call 214-648-5283.

### **Incontinence**

Women who suffer from urge urinary incontinence – the inability to get to the bathroom without leaking urine – may be eligible for a new trial at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Researchers are comparing the effectiveness of combination therapy with pelvic exercises and medication to drugs alone for the treatment of urge incontinence. Participants must be at least 21 years old and in good general health. Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding are ineligible. Participants will receive a physical exam and will be randomly assigned to one of the two treatment groups. Call 214-648-3245 for more information.

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For information about other clinical trials at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, visit <http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/home/research/clinicaltrials/index.html>