

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Jan. 21, 2004 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on low back pain, bipolar disorder, and diabetes and kidney stones. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Low back pain

People with low back pain are needed for a study at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Volunteers who have suffered from back pain for 10 weeks or less are eligible. Participants will receive treatment and financial compensation for their participation. For more information, call 214-648-5281.

Bipolar disorder

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas researchers are studying the effects of several medications on individuals diagnosed with bipolar disorder or who feel they may have symptoms similar to bipolar disorder. These symptoms include experiencing periods of sadness, losing interest in previously enjoyed activities, feeling a loss of energy and decreased concentration – while at other times having periods of slightly elevated mood accompanied by feeling unreasonably happy, optimistic or energetic. Participants should be between 18 and 65 years of age and not have a serious medical condition, not be actively suicidal or not have either substance abuse or dependency problems. Medical tests and medications related to the study will be provided at no charge. For more information, call 214-648-7494.

Diabetes and kidney stones

Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are conducting a study on the link between diabetes and kidney stone formation. Volunteers 35 years or older, with type 2 diabetes, are needed. Study participants must have their diabetes treated with oral medications or diet only (not on insulin). A single fasting blood sample and a 24-hour urine sample will be collected. If selected, compensation will be provided. For more information, call 214-648-6494.

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For information about other clinical trials at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, visit http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/utsw_cda/dept24109/files/69796.html.