

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

Media Contact: Staishy Bostick Siem
214-648-3404
staishy.siem@utsouthwestern.edu

Patients sought for depression, dry eyes and jaw pain clinical trials

DALLAS – Jan. 14, 2005 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on depression in children and teenagers, dry eye disease and jaw pain. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Depression in children and teens

If your child or teenager is exhibiting signs of what could be depression – having problems in school or with concentration; feeling sad, irritable or angry; becoming withdrawn from friends and usual activities, or showing a change in sleep habits or appetite – he or she may be eligible for evaluation and treatment for childhood depression. UT Southwestern Medical Center is studying depression in children and teens ages 7 through 17, with participants receiving medication and treatment at no cost. For more information, call 214 456-8918.

Dry eyes

Ophthalmologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center need people with dry eye disease to participate in a study evaluating the effectiveness of Food and Drug Administration-approved eye drops. Symptoms of the disease include eyes that burn or sting, blurred vision, frequent blinking, a feeling that something is in the eye, light sensitivity or sandy or gritty eyes. Participants will receive free study-related eye exams, tests and medications. Financial compensation is available. For details, call Mike Molai at 214-648-4734.

Jaw pain

Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center are seeking volunteers between the ages of 18 and 70 who have been experiencing jaw pain or discomfort for six months or less to participate in a non-invasive study evaluating treatments that could alleviate the pain. Researchers will assess factors that may help determine which treatment is best able to reduce the time sufferers experience symptoms. Treatment is free and financial compensation is available. For more information, contact Dr. Anna Stowell at 214-648-5284 or anna.stowell@utsouthwestern.edu.

###

This news release is available on our World Wide Web home page at
<http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/home/news/index.html>

To automatically receive news releases from UT Southwestern via e-mail,
subscribe at www.utsouthwestern.edu/receiveneews