

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

Media Contact: Stephen O'Brien
214-648-3404

stephen.obrien@utsouthwestern.edu

PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Aug. 22, 2003 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on epilepsy, rheumatoid arthritis, and obesity and shortness of breath. Any compensation will be based on the specific requirements of each study. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Epilepsy

UT Southwestern is seeking patients diagnosed with mesial temporal lobe epilepsy – the most common form of the illness – to participate in a multicenter study to determine the effectiveness of early surgical intervention. Participants will be monitored for two years to assess seizure recurrence, quality of life, social and psychological functions, complications, and progressive changes in test results. Participants must have been having disabling seizures for two years or less and have failed to respond to two medications, including either Dilantin, Tegretol or Carbatrol. Call 214-648-6880 for more information.

Rheumatoid arthritis

UT Southwestern researchers are seeking volunteers to participate in a study on rheumatoid arthritis. Participants must be between 50 and 85 years old and have a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis. Volunteers will receive study medication, study-related visits, laboratory testing, and financial compensation. For more information, call 214-648-2018 or 214-648-9111.

Obesity and shortness of breath

Researchers at UT Southwestern and the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, a collaboration between UT Southwestern and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, are seeking volunteers for a study evaluating shortness of breath in mild-to-moderately obese adults. To be eligible you must have a body mass index between 30 and 45 without any co-existing disorders. Twenty-five mild-to-moderately obese adults with shortness of breath on exertion will be compared to 25 mild-to-moderately obese adults without shortness of breath on exertion. The study will include individuals 20 to 45 years old. Researchers will measure respiratory function, body composition, fat distribution, breathlessness and exercise capacity. For more information, call 214-345-6574.

###

For information about other clinical trials at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, visit <http://www3.utsouthwestern.edu/patient/clntrial.htm>

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS

Southwestern Medical School • Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences • Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School
Affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics

Office of News and Publications • 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas TX 75390-9060 • Telephone (214) 648-3404 • FAX (214) 648-9119