

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS SOUGHT FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – August 16, 1999 – 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. Trials are approved by the medical center's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

FOOT FUNGUS

Dermatologists are conducting a study to determine if an oral medication can eradicate foot and body fungus in HIV-positive people. Athlete's foot, a common fungal infection, can cause the feet to itch, burn and sting. Although most fungal infections can be treated successfully with over-the-counter medications, HIV-positive people – due to a suppressed immune system – are less likely to respond to these medications and are prone to develop a serious infection. Study participants will receive free medication. For more information, please call 214-648-4504.

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE SURVEY

The Department of Ophthalmology is conducting a survey of people who wear glasses or contact lenses or have had surgery to correct their vision. This is a national survey to assess different forms of vision correction and how a person's glasses, contact lenses or surgical correction affects his or her daily functioning and quality of life. The study may assist research and development of existing and future vision-correction methods. Researchers seek a broad representation of ethnic and racial groups and a wide range of age among participants. The survey will take 20 to 40 minutes. Participants will receive a free glaucoma and vision screening as well as a small gift bag of vision-care products. For more information, please call 214-648-4749.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's disease patients are needed to test a new medication that may improve learning and memory performance. The study will last one month. Participants must not be currently taking medication and must not have a history of heart disease. For more information, please call 214-648-8696.

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