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Patients sought for lung cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis pressure clinical trials

DALLAS – Oct. 22, 2004 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on lung cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

Lung cancer

Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are recruiting smokers and former smokers at-risk for lung cancer to participate in a multicenter clinical trial using Iloprost to determine if the drug can reverse premalignant changes in lung tissue. Among the requirements, participants must be at least 18 years old, a current or former smoker consuming at least a pack per day for 20 years or two packs daily for 10 years, have no severe active cardiac or lung disease, and not be diagnosed with any other cancer (except skin cancer) in the last five years. Clinic visits will be at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, but patients do not have to be veterans or qualify for veterans' benefits to participate. For more information, call 214-857-0208.

Rheumatoid arthritis

If you have rheumatoid arthritis and are between the ages of 18 to 75, you may be eligible to participate in a research study testing a Chinese herbal medication. The Division of Rheumatic Diseases at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is working with the National Institutes of Health in this national clinical trial. Study participation includes free medication, lab work and physician visits. For more information, contact Cindy Wynne-Jones at 214-648-9111 or Valerie Branch at 214-648-2018.

Psoriasis

Dermatologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas need people suffering from psoriasis to participate in research evaluating treatments with Food and Drug Administration-approved injected medication and narrowband UVB phototherapy. Study participants will receive an intramuscular injection once a week for 12 weeks and phototherapy three times a week for 12 weeks. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old and be in good general health. Women who are pregnant or breast feeding are ineligible. For more information, call 214-648-5751.

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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>

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