

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – Feb. 16, 2004 – Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking patients to participate in medical studies on multiple sclerosis, stroke and Parkinson's disease. All clinical trials are approved by UT Southwestern's Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

### Multiple sclerosis

Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are studying the safety and tolerability of a combination therapy for early multiple sclerosis. Patients between the ages of 21 and 45 who have received a diagnosis of MS within the last two years may qualify to participate in the trial, which will involve a variety of clinical assessments performed over a 12-month period. Participants will receive a weekly shot of Avonex combined either with a sugar pill or with Cellcept, an oral medication. For more information, call 214-648-9798.

### Stroke

Siblings who have suffered strokes are needed for a study at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas to determine whether there is a genetic link. Participation consists of a one-time blood draw. Individuals who have suffered a stroke and have a full brother or sister who also has suffered a stroke are eligible to participate. For more information, call 214-648-0363.

### Parkinson's

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas are seeking adults with Parkinson's disease for a study to test the effectiveness of a new formulation of a drug designed to delay the onset of dyskinesia (involuntary movements) in patients who are currently being treated with levodopa (Sinemet). Participants must be between 30 and 70 years of age and have taken levodopa for up to two years. They should not be taking Parlodel, Permax, Mirapex or Requip. Medical evaluations will be provided. If interested, call 214-648-7976.

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