

SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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PATIENTS WANTED FOR CLINICAL TRIALS AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS – September 15, 2000 – 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. All trials are approved by the Institutional Review Board, which reviews them for benefits, risks, side effects and informed consent.

ASTHMA STUDY

Volunteers with asthma or rheumatoid diseases are needed. The psychoneuroendocrinology research group at UT Southwestern is looking for study subjects diagnosed with asthma or a rheumatoid disease, like arthritis, fibromyalgia or myositis, who have used no or very few steroids. Participants in the study will receive simple mood and memory assessments, as well as magnetic resonance imaging. Participants will receive \$100 upon completion of the study. For more information, call 214-648-4973.

CHOLESTEROL AND ALZHEIMER'S

Volunteers are needed for a six-week study to determine if two hypolipidemic (cholesterol-lowering) agents, niacin and pravastatin sodium, reduce the cholesterol-carrying protein that may be associated with Alzheimer's disease. Both drugs are Food and Drug Administration-approved. People eligible to participate need to have a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease, have cholesterol levels of at least 200 milligrams per deciliter and not live in a nursing home. For more information, call 214-648-7468.

ANXIETY DISORDER

UT Southwestern is conducting a study to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication to treat generalized anxiety disorder. You may be eligible for this study if you worry excessively about little things or feel tense or anxious most of the time. For more information, call 214-648-8333.

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