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Studies of interest

Patient as Teacher: Are you living with advanced (Stage 3 or 4) cancer? (Docket # H-00006844)

Would you be interested in sharing your experiences through an interview to teach others? If so, please consider being part of a new research study focused on the effect of the medical interview on patients with advanced (Stage 3 or 4) cancer. We hope to understand the effect of narrative interviewing techniques on patient dignity and quality of life. If you are interested, please contact Alex at alex.doering@umassmemorial.org.

Research Study Looking for Moms to Fill Out a Short Survey (Docket # H-00005678)

Researchers in the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences and Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine in the Department of Medicine are looking for women who have children aged <18 years and who use Twitter to complete a short online survey to provide feedback on an online weight loss program designed specifically for moms and delivered via Twitter. The study will take 5-10 minutes. No compensation. To participate in the study, please click here: https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=aFrAvEySoE. To learn more about the study, please email us at momstudy@umassmed.edu or call us at (508) 856-5675.

Calling All Young Adults: Transition Age Youth Psychotherapy Experiences (TYPE) Study (Docket #H-00007759)

We are inviting young people between the ages of 18-25 who have a mental health condition and are receiving individual therapy or counseling to participate in our study. The goal of the TYPE Study is to better understand the experiences, good, bad, and everything in between, of young adults who are participating in outpatient therapy. If you are eligible, you will be interviewed 2 times during an 8 week period. Each interview will last 1 hour and compensation will be provided. For more information, please contact Amanda Costa at Amanda.costa@umassmed.edu or 508-856-2865.

The SNP Study

A Randomized Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled, sequential Parallel Comparison design (SPCD) study of Intravenous Sodium Nitroprusside in Adults with Symptomatic Schizophrenia (Docket # H-00007610)

The goal of this 6-week research study is to assess the effectiveness of Sodium Nitroprusside, an FDA approved drug for management of hypertension, can improve symptoms of schizophrenia. We seek men and women ages 18-60 with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Participants will be compensated for their time and travel, and all information will be kept private. For more information about the study, please call 508-856-MIND (6463) or email MIND@umassmed.edu.
The Marijuana Study (Docket # H-00001171)
The goal of the research is to explore effective treatment for cannabis use in individuals with schizophrenia. We are studying whether FDA approved Clozapine can reduce marijuana use. Compensation will be provided. For more information about the study, please call us at 508-856-MIND (6463) or email MIND@umassmed.edu.

The Memory Study (Docket # H-00004119)
This study seeks to see if Exenatide, an investigational drug when used in people with schizophrenia, can improve memory and thinking in people with schizophrenia. Participation in the study will last 24 weeks. You will be compensated for your time. For more information about the study, please call us at 508-856-MIND (6463) or email MIND@umassmed.edu.

The Alcohol Study (Docket # H-00005852)
The purpose of this clinical research study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication for those diagnosed with schizophrenia and alcohol use disorder. We seek men and women ages 18 to 65 years. Compensation for your time is available. For more information about the study, please call us at 508-856-MIND (6463) or email MIND@umassmed.edu.

Investigational Drug Study for Adolescents with Schizophrenia (Docket # H-00005591)
The purpose of the study is to evaluate whether NaBen (Sodium Benzoate) is an effective add-on treatment for adolescents with schizophrenia. Who can participate? Adolescents between 12 and 16 years of age who have been diagnosed with schizophrenia. Participants need to be on a stable antipsychotic treatment for their schizophrenia and still be experiencing residual symptoms. How will participants be compensated? Compensation will be provided for time and travel. For more information, contact CANDI at (774) 455-4100.

MRI with children and adolescents diagnosed with Fragile X or Down Syndrome (Docket # H-00002894)
The purpose of the study is to determine if we can find ways to help children undergo MRI without needing to be sedated. We are especially interested in learning ways to help children with developmental disabilities, such as Fragile X syndrome and Down syndrome with having an MRI. We also hope to learn more about the features of the brains of children and adolescents aged 7-17 with Fragile X or Down syndrome. Participation in this study will last up to approximately 1½ months and requires 2 visits to the University of Massachusetts Medical School. There will also be some activities that for you to use at home with your child to prepare him or her for MRI. These activities take about 10 to 15 minutes and can be repeated as often as you feel necessary. For each visit to the office, a small payment will be offered to offset travel expenses. All study-related evaluations are provided at no cost. Eligibility: Males or females between 7 and 17 years of age; Diagnosis of Fragile X syndrome or Down syndrome. Parent willing to assist with desensitization activities at home. If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact: Child and Adolescent Neurodevelopment Initiative (CANDI) (508) 856-5896 or ChildResearch@umassmed.edu.

For more information, stop by the Conquering Diseases office. We are open 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Clinical Research Volunteer Database