Conquering Diseases

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Newsletter

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Studies of interest

Black Participants Needed for Weight Loss App Focus Group (Docket # H00005882)

We are looking for blacks/ African Americans to participate in a research focus group to provide feedback and opinions on what would be helpful to you in an app for losing weight and managing stress. Focus group will last 90 minutes. You may be eligible if you are black and/or African American, have an interest in losing weight, are over the age of 18, and use a smartphone. Study participation will last for 2 hrs. Compensation will be provided. Please call Martinus at (508) 856-2209 or e-mail Martinus.Evans@umassmed.edu.

Life is painful with IBS-C (Docket # H00009996)

Individuals with Irritable Bowel Syndrome with Constipation (IBS-C) whose symptoms are poorly controlled on current medications and are seeking alternative treatments are invited to participate in an experimental, pharmaceutical company-sponsored research trial. If you are age 18 or older, have had a diagnosis of IBS-C for at least 6 months and are currently experiencing symptoms please contact Monique Rinner or Anne Foley at ibDclinicaltrials@umassmed.edu to see if you qualify. Compensation for time and travel is provided, and all study costs are covered.

Crohn’s and Ulcerative Colitis Clinical Trials Are Recruiting! (Docket # H-00007584 and H-00008682)

Is your inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis) poorly controlled? Individuals with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) who are poorly controlled on current medications and are seeking alternate treatment options are invited to participate in one of several experimental pharmaceutical company-sponsored research trials. If you are over the age of 18 and have had a diagnosis of ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease for at least 3 months and are currently experiencing symptoms, please contact Anne Foley or Monique Rinner at ibDclinicaltrials@umassmed.edu to see if you qualify. Compensation for time and travel is provided, and all study costs are covered.

Postpartum Depression: 60 hour Investigational Treatment Related to Hormones (Docket # H-00009521)

Did you deliver a baby in the last 6 months? Are you feeling sad and overwhelmed? Kristina Deligiannidis, MD in collaboration with Sage Therapeutics is conducting a multicenter investigational treatment research study to find out if an investigational drug related to a natural substance that your body makes, especially during pregnancy, treats postpartum depression. This is a 1-month study including 4 study visits at UMass Medical School/UMass Medical Center. The investigational treatment or placebo is given for 60 hours only and can be given in addition to other medications, including antidepressants. Cash compensation as well as childcare & transportation compensation is provided. To learn more, call Dr. Deligiannidis 774-455-4134.
Research Volunteer Database. The database is used for UMass researchers who are conducting IRB approved studies. (Docket # H-12562)

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

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Biorepository Volunteer to donate a small amount of blood that will be stored in our Biorepository and used by UMass researchers. (Docket # H-12647)

The SNP Study (Docket # H00007610)

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 Memory Study (Docket # H00004119)

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.

Pilot-GEDMAT (Docket # H-00000836)

Women who are NOT PREGNANT nor have had a child are invited to participate in a research study examining the differences in adipose tissue (fatty tissue) expansion between women who develop diabetes in pregnancy and those that don’t. We have uncovered some interesting findings about the changes in adipose tissue in pregnancy. In order to understand these changes, we need to compare it to fatty tissue not in pregnancy. Fatty tissue is obtained by placing a needle under the skin after it is numbed. You will be compensated for your participation. For more information, please contact Sharon Smith at 508-334-6678.

The Early Treatment Study (Docket # H00007426)

The goal of this study is to compare the standard treatment for psychosis with a treatment version of the medication aripiprazole that is taken only once each month. Study participants at this study location will receive the care your center usually provides. We seek men and women ages 18-35 that have a clinical diagnosis of psychosis and up to 5 years of antipsychotic medication exposure. Those who qualify will receive study-related medical exams, and lab tests at no charge. Compensation for your time and travel is available. For more information about the study, please call us at 508-856-MIND(6463) or email MIND@umassmed.edu.

The Marijuana Study (Docket # H00001171)

The purpose of this 14-week research study is to examine whether FDA approved medication Clozapine can reduce marijuana use in those with schizophrenia. We are looking for people ages 18-55 that have a clinical diagnosis of schizophrenia and use marijuana regularly. Those who qualify will receive study-related medical exams, and lab tests at no charge. Compensation for your time and travel may also be available. For more information about the study, please call us at 508-856-MIND(6463) or email MIND@umassmed.edu.

Are you a woman who has ever been diagnosed with cancer who uses Facebook? We want your input! (Docket # H-00009768)

Researchers at the University of Massachusetts Medical School are conducting a research study and are looking for female cancer survivors to complete a short online survey to let us know your interest in an online weight loss program delivered via Facebook and designed specifically for women who have ever had cancer. The study will take 10-15 minutes. If you complete the survey, you will be entered in for a $25 gift card. To learn more about the study, please email us at christine.may@umassmed.edu or call us at (508) 856-5675. To participate in the study, please click here: https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=VTnynJZphC