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Studies of interest

Are you an expectant parent? (Docket # H-14126)
We are developing a screener to be used in the largest long-term study of children’s health ever done in the United States called the National Children’s Study. We are looking for expectant parents to help us to develop the screener. All participants will be asked to complete a 10-minute telephone interview. Some participants will receive a second phone call for an interview that will last approximately 30-minutes. You will receive $25 for each interview completed. If you are an expectant parent (female or male), live in Worcester County, are 18 years of age or older, and are able to speak and understand English, you are eligible to participate! Please call the Study Center at (508) 856-3699 or e-mail ncs@umassmed.edu

Study looking to enroll people who recently lost weight! (Docket # H00001808)
Even highly motivated individuals find it difficult to keep weight off after they have lost it. The purpose of the study is to understand brain changes that accompany participation in wellness programs for keeping weight off. We will use MRI scans to study brain function in men and women 25-55 years old who have lost weight in the last year without surgery. Participants will be assigned to one of two programs to help them maintain weight loss and will be compensated for their time. Our goal is to gain a better understanding of the brain changes that lead to long-term success in keeping weight off, in the hope that this knowledge will assist in the development of improved treatments. Please call Sinead Sinnott, Research Coordinator at 508-856-2702 or email keepitoff@umassmed.edu to find out more information.

Complete a Survey about Weight Management (Docket # H-00004482)
Help us better understand what people know about managing their weight by completing surveys and allowing us to measure your height and weight. You will be given a $35 gift card for a 90 minute visit, and may be invited back a second time. Interviews are held at the UMass Shaw Building (419 Belmont Street, Worcester). Eligible participants must live in the greater Worcester area, be over the age of 18, speak English or Spanish, and not currently pregnant. To learn more, please email tariana.little@umassmed.edu or call 1-866-530-9794. Let us know your name, number, and your availability for an interview.

Men 65 Years and Older Needed for Research Study (Docket # H-14793)
UMass Medical School is recruiting men who are 65 years of age and older. Take part or tell a friend about participating in this research study on men’s health, nutrition, and physical activity. This research will be conducted by mail and telephone, taking about 2 and ½ hours within one week. Compensation is provided. Call Linda at 508.856.5691 or email her at Reach@umassmed.edu.

Research Study Looking for Pregnant Women (Docket # H00001690)
Research study looking for pregnant women to tell us about pregnancy weight gain via phone interview and online questionnaire. We want to learn more about women’s experiences with weight gain during pregnancy and to get their feedback on our ideas for a program to help women gain a healthy amount of weight during pregnancy. Participants will complete a short questionnaire online & then talk to us over the phone about pregnancy weight gain. The study will take about an hour total. Compensation is provided. To learn more about the study, please email us at babystudy@umassmed.edu or call Sherry at (774) 455-3858.
**Study of Personality, Brain, and Substance Use (Docket # H-13454)**

We are currently inviting male adolescents to participate in a study of their personality and how the brain relates to substance use.

**Who is eligible?** ♦ Male adolescents who speak English ages 14-24 years; ♦ Currently receiving treatment or counseling for substance use OR have never abused any substances (control subjects); ♦ Be able to provide parental consent for those under age 18 years old; ♦ If deemed eligible, agree to go to the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) for a non-invasive MRI of the brain.

**What does it mean to participate?** ♦ You will be screened for personality, substance use issues, and eligibility to receive a MRI (for example, no metal can be in the body); ♦ You will participate in an interview lasting 60 to 90 minutes; ♦ At a later date, you will go to UMMS to complete some tasks while getting a MRI. The MRI lasts 45 minutes. The whole trip could take up to 90 minutes.

**How do we compensate participants?** ♦ Participants will receive a $15 gift card at the interview and a $50 gift card at the MRI scan. For more information please contact: Gina M. Vincent, PhD, 508-856-8727, Gina.vincent@umassmed.edu

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**Pregnant women needed to complete a research study about decision-making, eating, & weight gain during pregnancy (Docket # H-1672)**

Researchers at the UMass Medical School are conducting a research study to learn more about decision-making, eating, and weight-gain during pregnancy. We are looking for women in their first or second trimester who plan on delivering their baby at UMass Memorial. Participants will attend one study visit in their second trimester and answer questions about decision-making, what motivates their food choices, their diet habits, and their thoughts and feelings. Women will also complete a survey at home about the food available in their kitchen and three telephone interviews about what they ate in the previous 24 hours. Compensation is provided. To learn more about the DEW Study, call us at 774-455-3858 or email Sherry at rui.xiao@umassmed.edu.

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**A multicenter clinical trial to prevent GFR loss in Type 1 Diabetes (Docket # H00004468)**

The purpose of this study is to find out whether a medication called allopurinol can prevent kidney problems, in particular the loss of kidney function, in people with type 1 diabetes. For more information, please contact Celia Hartigan at 508-856-2800 or ClinicalTrialsUnit@umassmed.edu

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**Are you a woman aged 40-49 & interested in learning more about mammograms? (Docket # H-00005845)**

We are looking for women age 40-49 to participate in a research study about mammography screening. This study is trying to learn how patients make choices about breast cancer screening. We would like your opinions on materials we and others have created that give information on mammography screening for breast cancer. We will show you two sets of materials and ask you to share your thoughts on them. There will be one study visit that will take about 1 hour. We will compensate you $20 and pay for parking or bus transportation. If interested please call Marcela Hayes @ 774-442-6752 or email mammo.decisions@umassmed.edu

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**Are you a man aged 50-74 interested in learning more about prostate cancer screening? (Docket # H-00005845)**

We are looking for men age 50-74 to participate in a research study about prostate cancer screening. This study is trying to learn how patients make choices about prostate cancer screening. We would like your opinions on materials we and others have created that give information on the PSA screening for prostate cancer. We will show you two sets of materials and ask you to share your thoughts on them. There will be one study visit that will take about 1 hour. We will compensate you $20 and pay for parking or bus transportation. If interested please contact Marcela Hayes 774-442-6752 or psa.decisions@umassmed.edu