Clinical Research Volunteer Registry
Participate in the Clinical Research Volunteer Database. The database is used for UMass researchers who are conducting IRB approved studies. (Docket # H-12562)

October 2014

1st Annual Food Addiction Conference
Sponsored by the UMass Department of Psychiatry and the Food Addiction Institute
The Missing Piece in Response to the Obesity Epidemic: Diagnosing and Treating Food Addiction
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
http://www.umassmed.edu/Psychiatry/Food-Addiction-Conference/

Studies of interest

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

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

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

Do you have Type 2 diabetes?  (Docket # H00003138)
If you have Type 2 diabetes, DEVOTE is a cardiovascular outcomes study for insulin degludec in type 2 diabetics. The purpose of this trial is to compare the cardiovascular safety of the investigational product, insulin degludec, to that of the approved product, insulin glargine, in type 2 diabetic patients who are at least 50 years old and at risk for cardiovascular disease. The Principal Investigator of the study is John-Paul Lock, MD. For more information on the study, please contact Carol Ciccarelli at (508) 856-2828 or Carol.Ciccarelli@umassmed.edu
Biorepository
Volunteer to donate a small amount of blood that will be stored in our Biorepository and used by UMass researchers. (Docket # H-12647)

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 may be held at a community location or the UMass Shaw Building (419 Belmont Street, Worcester). If you live in the greater Worcester area, are over the age of 18, speak English or Spanish, and are not currently pregnant, you are eligible to participate! Please email tariana.little@umassmed.edu or call 1-866-530-9794.

Do you have difficulty losing weight? Would you like to participate in a research study? (Docket # H-2340)
Your participation in the study will include a 30-minute screening visit and a 60-minute focus group. At focus group, you will be given a phone and asked to try out a Droid mobile application designed to help people lose weight and then we will ask you for your feedback about the different features and pages on the app. You may be eligible if you: have an interest in losing weight; are over the age of 18; and use a smartphone. Compensation will be provided. Please call Effie at (508) 856-1534 or e-mail study@umassmed.edu.

Do you have Parkinson’s disease, Multiple System Atrophy or Pure Autonomic Failure and feel light headed when you stand up? (Docket # H00003305)
PHOENIX is a clinical study for Patients with symptomatic neurogenic orthostatic Hypotension to assess sustained effects of droXidopa therapy. The purpose of this research study is to determine whether a study medication called Droxidopa can relieve the symptoms of neurogenic orthostatic hypotension and whether it causes any side effects. Principal Investigator: Peter Novak MD, PhD. Study Coordinator: Bernadette Shaw (508) 856-2908 or email bernadette.shaw@umassmed.edu

Exercise Survey (Docket #: H00005027)
Do you exercise regularly? Please complete a survey! https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=b4iaDyG4rj

Exenatide Weekly Injection as an Adjunctive Treatment in Patients with Schizophrenia (Docket #: H00004119)
The goal of this study is to determine if weekly injections of exenatide can improve symptoms of schizophrenia. Some recent studies suggest that exenatide can reduce inflammation, which may protect the brain and improve memory and thinking. Some studies have shown that drugs that reduce inflammation can help improve symptoms of schizophrenia when taken alongside other antipsychotic medications. Eligibility: people ages 18-65 who have schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder and currently take medications for schizophrenia. Please contact Radhika Natarajan (508) 856-8323 Radhika.Natarajan@umassmed.edu

Clozapine for Cannabis Use Disorder in Schizophrenia (CLOCS) (Docket #: H-00001171)
We are looking for volunteers for a study involving schizophrenia and marijuana use. We are studying whether an FDA-approved drug, clozapine, can reduce marijuana use in individuals who suffer from schizophrenia and ongoing marijuana use. Eligibility: people age 18-55 who suffer from schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder; and meet the criteria for marijuana abuse or dependence. Exclusion criteria include: people who suffer from any substance abuse disorder other than caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol abuse disorder or who currently receive treatment with clozapine or risperidone or suffer from a medical condition in which treatment with clozapine or risperidone would be impractical or unsafe. People in the study will be compensated for their time. All information is kept private. Please contact Radhika Natarajan (508) 856-8323 Radhika.Natarajan@umassmed.edu