

## Conquering Diseases Programs



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### Studies of interest

#### 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 Laura Golden at 774-437-2124 (call or text) or by e-mail at [laura.golden@umassmed.edu](mailto:laura.golden@umassmed.edu).

#### Seeking Women who have been diagnosed with Stage III or IV high-grade serious Epithelial Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, or Primary Peritoneal Cancer (Docket #H-00008579)

The purpose of this study is to compare the combination of the chemotherapy drugs carboplatin, paclitaxel and veliparib to carboplatin, paclitaxel, and placebo followed by continued therapy with either veliparib or placebo to determine if it slows the progression of previously untreated stages III or IV high-grade serous Epithelial Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, or Primary Peritoneal Cancer. A BRCA (genetic test) is required for participation to further assess treatment response. This is a Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Study of Carboplatin/Paclitaxel With or Without Concurrent and Continuation maintenance Veliparib (PARP inhibitor). For more information, please contact: Annie Marcelin at [annie.marcelin@umassmemorial.org](mailto:annie.marcelin@umassmemorial.org) or 508-334-1180.

#### Healthy Habit Study (Docket #H-00002340)

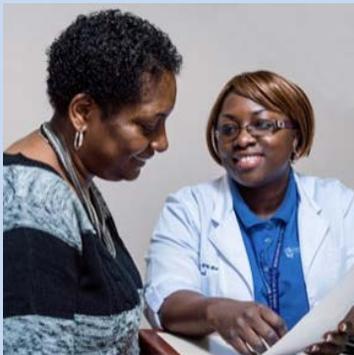
Seeking Android and MyFitnessPal users for a study testing a new weight loss app that helps build healthy habits: <https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=7afwKZ5tUe>

#### Android users 18+ needed for a research study to test out a mobile app to reduce overeating (Docket # H-00000904)

Sign up here: <https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=raeLrQkQVq>

#### Tardive Dyskinesia Study (Docket # H-00009161)

Do involuntary body movements have a hold on you? We invite those who are experiencing involuntary movements in their face or other parts of their body – and suffer from schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, or mood disorder – to see if they may qualify for the Kinect 4 Study. The purpose of this clinical research study is to evaluate the safety and tolerability of an investigational oral medication for tardive dyskinesia. Each individual will be evaluated to determine his or her eligibility. Those who qualify will receive study medication, study-related medical exams, and lab tests at no charge. Compensation for 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](mailto:MIND@umassmed.edu).



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open 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



### **A Study to Assess the Janssen Autism Knowledge Engine in Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Docket #H-00008176)**

If you or your child has been diagnosed with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), then the JAKE™ System Clinical Study may be of interest to you. Please keep reading to learn more about this study. This study is being conducted in order to develop a system that helps to measure physical and behavioral outcomes of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The main goal of this study is to evaluate the usability of the JAKE™ (Janssen Autism Knowledge Engine) as a system to monitor clinical outcomes in ASD. This study is noninvasive, and you or your child will continue taking his or her prescribed or non-prescribed ASD treatment and therapies during this study. The total study duration for each study participant (you and your child) will last for approximately 8 weeks. Compensation for time and travel will be provided. Criteria: Children (aged 6 and older) and adults both with and without autism. Please contact us to learn more about this study: Please contact CANDI at 774-455-4100 or email at [ChildResearch@umassmed.edu](mailto:ChildResearch@umassmed.edu).

### **NIH-funded research study to evaluate hormones during pregnancy and the development of postpartum depression (Docket # H-00001214)**

Women can be at increased risk of having depression in late pregnancy or after giving birth. The goal of this research is to see if women at increased risk for developing postpartum depression have changes in certain hormone levels during pregnancy which differ from the hormone levels of women who do not become depressed and remain healthy during this time. This NIH-funded study will monitor for symptoms of depression and anxiety during late pregnancy (2 visits) and after giving birth (3 visits). We also monitor blood hormone levels (each visit) and in the postpartum. Participants will have one brain MRI scan done. Total participation is about 4-7 hours. To learn more, please contact the study doctor, Kristina M. Deligiannidis, M.D. @ 774-455-4134 or study coordinator Vanessa Villamarin @ 774-455-4137.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:alex.doering@umassmemorial.org).

### **Understanding Clinical Trials (Docket # H-00004365)**

Individuals currently suffering from Major **Depression, Diabetes, Hypertension or Breast Cancer** are invited to participate in a research study to try to find better ways of explaining clinical research to potential subjects of research, so that they can better understand and make good decisions about whether they want to participate. Participation involves watching a brief PowerPoint presentation on a laptop and completing a brief survey. Participants must be over 18 years of age. Compensation provided. Please call Karen Albert at 508-856-8725 or Debbie Truong at 508-856-5378.

#### **Biorepository**

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



#### **Clinical Research Volunteer Database**

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

