



Conquering Diseases Programs



Conquering Diseases June 2017 Newsletter



Biorepository

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



Men's Health Month

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.



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Studies of interest

SIMPONI® to Arrest β -cell Loss in Type 1 Diabetes (Docket # H00011321)

This is a study to see if Golimumab (sold as Simponi) can delay progression of new onset Type 1 diabetes. Golimumab is an immune system modulator, which has been approved to treat rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ulcerative colitis, and ankylosing spondylitis. This study will see if it has benefit in Type 1 diabetes. For more information, please contact Celia Hartigan at 508-856-3676 or email Celia.Hartigan@umassmed.edu.

Improving the Accuracy of Dietary Intake Assessment of Overweight and Obese Adults Using Multiple MultiModal Sensors (Docket # H00009150)

Recording what we eat can be a challenge. There are two groups of participants in this study: participants with BMIs between 25 and 40, and dietitians. Participants in this study will use a smart phone for two weeks to record food intake. We need participants with BMIs between 25 and 40 who are willing to participate in a focus group. We also will conduct an interview with dietitians who will use a smart phone to record food intake. The purpose of the focus group and interview is to determine the usability, acceptability and feasibility of the smart phone in recording food intake. For more information, please contact Linda Churchill at 508-856-5691 or Linda.Churchill@umassmed.edu.

S2S: Smoker-to-Smoker (Docket # H00012329)

This study is trying to develop a computer program that uses input from people to send them individualized health behavior messages. To participate in this study you must be 18 years of age or older, African American, be a current cigarette smoker and have an email address. Participation involves a baseline phone interview and online registration, rating a daily message for 30 days and completing a final phone survey after the 30-day period. In addition, you will also be able to use all the helpful quit smoking resources available on our website to help your own quit smoking efforts. Study compensation will be provided for your time and assistance. For more information, please contact Angela Patterson at 508-856-8843 or Angela.Patterson@umassmed.edu.

Examining Stakeholder Perspectives on the Implementation of an Asthma Medications in School Program (Docket # H00012920)

This is a qualitative study of our Asthma Medications in School Program. We seek to examine the perspectives of the various stakeholders involved in order to better understand the barriers and facilitators to successful implementation and dissemination of this evidenced-based school asthma program. For more information, please contact Michelle Trivedi at 508-856-4155 or Michelle.Trivedi@umassmemorial.org.

UMass Clinical Research Volunteer Database (Docket # H-12562)

Would you like to volunteer for clinical studies currently being conducted at UMass? Join our Clinical Research Volunteer Database! Tell us what areas of research interest you. Your contact information will be kept in a secure database. If you qualify for any studies that need volunteers you will be contacted by the investigator directly, you can decide whether or not you would like to participate at that time. **Now enrolling online** at <http://www.umassmed.edu/conqueringdiseases/> Please contact us to learn more: 508-856-2557 or ConqueringDiseases@umassmed.edu.



Identifying Nicotine Craving in Chronic Pancreatitis Patients Using Wearable Biosensors (Docket # H00012900)

This study looks at biometric activity (heart rate, skin temperature, blood pressure, etc.) activated by nicotine craving in chronic pancreatitis patients who smoke. We believe this information can help guide future interventions to help people who are interested in quitting smoking, which in turn has been shown to improve quality of life and overall health in chronic pancreatitis. For more information, please contact Boskey Patel at Boskey.Patel@umassmemorial.org.



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. We seek men and women ages 18-65 with a diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. Participants will be compensated for their time and travel, and all information will be kept private. For more information about the study, please call us at 508-856-MIND(6463) or email MIND@umassmed.edu.

Evaluation of immunomodulatory markers in peripheral blood and tissue specimens from patients with benign and malignant breast lesions (Docket # H00010433)

The purpose of this study is to characterize the expression of novel immunological markers in human malignancies. We will specifically focus on those markers that are 1) related to immunomodulatory molecules that could be potential therapeutic targets, and 2) related to refining the diagnosis and prognosis of human malignancies. Our underlying hypothesis is that certain malignancies may acquire the ability to express molecules that can modulate the immune response, and that targeting these molecules represents an emerging therapeutic approach. For more information, please contact Benjamin Chen at 508-793-6192 or email Benjamin.Chen@umassmemorial.org.

Novel immunotherapeutics against multidrug-resistant Neisseria gonorrhoeae (Docket # H00013200)

This study seeks to develop novel immunotherapeutics for the treatment of multidrug-resistant gonorrhea. For more information, please contact Sanjay Ram at 508-856-6269 or email Sanjay.Ram@umassmed.edu.

Treatment-Resistant Depression Study (Docket # H00011026)

We are currently enrolling participants in a clinical research study to look at the effectiveness and safety of an investigational medication (given as a nasal spray) in patients with depression who have not responded to prior treatment with an antidepressant and are currently taking a different antidepressant. Participants must be 18 to 64 years of age, have been diagnosed with depression, be experiencing current symptoms of depression despite taking antidepressant medications, have not responded to prior treatment with an antidepressant and are currently taking a different antidepressant, must be comfortable with using a nasal spray, and not be pregnant or have plans to become pregnant. Subjects will receive study drug and study-related care at no cost. Study participation will last up to 35 weeks. Compensation for time and travel will be provided for qualified participants. For more information, contact Chelsea Kosma at 508-856-5312 or email Chelsea.Kosma@umassmed.edu.



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UMass Conquering Diseases Biorepository (Docket # H-12647)

Would you like to help find better treatments and cures for health conditions and diseases? If you have ever been seen at UMass Memorial, you can donate a blood specimen to our Biorepository! Please contact us to learn more: 508-856-2557 or ConqueringDiseases@umassmed.edu.