



Conquering Diseases Programs



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Studies of interest

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Clinical Trials Are Recruiting! (Docket # H-0007584 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.

The Depression Relapse Trial (Docket # H-00007086)

Individuals that are currently suffering from depression are invited to participate in a research study to determine the effectiveness and safety of vortioxetine in preventing relapse in depression for those subjects who respond to treatment with vortioxetine. Study participation will last up to 55 weeks and subjects will receive the study drug vortioxetine. Participants must be: 18 to 75 years of age, suffering from recurrent Major Depressive Disorder, experiencing current symptoms of depression, not be pregnant or have plans to become pregnant. Subjects will receive study drug and study-related care at no cost. Compensation provided. Contact Jessica Penny at 774 455 4045.

Observational Study of Improved Major Depressive Disorder (Docket # H-00006370)

This observational study will be gathering information about subjects' daily activities, sleep quality, their speech and voice characteristics to see if predications can be made to see if one can predict worsening of MDD symptoms in the near future. Participants must have recently tried, and are currently on an antidepressant and their symptoms of depression are improving. Subjects will receive a Wrist Band and Smart Phone (LogPad®) to record their activities and sleep patterns, as well as speech and voice characteristics. Contact Jessica Penny @ 774-455-4045.

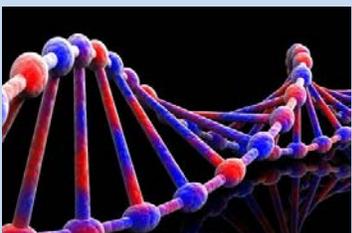
Genetic Studies of Developmental, Metabolic & Nervous System Disorders (Docket # H-10275)

Do you have a diagnosis of bipolar disorder and are you between the ages of 18 and 65? If you answered yes, we invite you to participate in a research study looking at the genetic studies of Bipolar Disorder. Study participation will entail a commitment of one study visit, and one blood draw. Please call for more information: Jessica Penny at 774.455.4045.



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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)



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 Memorial 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 study looking for women with a history of cancer to fill out short survey (Docket # H-00009768)

Researchers in the Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine in the Department of Medicine and the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences 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 been diagnosed with cancer. The study will take 10-15 minutes. If you complete the survey, you will be entered in for a drawing for a \$25 gift card. To participate in the study, please click here: <https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=VTnynJZphC>. To learn more about the study, please email us at christine.may@umassmed.edu or call us at (508) 856-5675.

Do you have Type 2 Diabetes? (Docket # H-00006248)

You may be able to take part in the CREDENCE™ Study if you are 30 years of age or older; have a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes; have kidney problems related to your diabetes; are currently taking medications to control your kidney problems. The purpose of the CREDENCE™ Study is to see if a potential new treatment (investigational medication) can reduce the progression of kidney disease in people with Type 2 diabetes and diabetic nephropathy. The study team will also be looking at whether the investigational medication can provide protection from heart and blood vessel disease, which are also common in people with diabetes. To learn more about the CREDENCE™ Study, please contact the study team at 508-856-2800 or 508-856-2857.

Study looking to enroll people who recently lost weight! (Docket # H-00001808)

“Keeping Weight off” is a NIH-funded research study for people who recently lost weight and want to maintain their weight loss. This study aims to understand the brain changes that accompany participation in weight loss maintenance programs. You may be eligible if you are healthy, 25 to 60 years old, and have lost 5% or more of your weight over the past year without weight-loss surgery. If you decide to participate, you will be enrolled in an 8-week program at UMASS Medical School, Shrewsbury Campus to help you maintain weight loss and will be asked to: undergo a non-invasive MRI and fill out some surveys before and after the course. You will be compensated for your time. Do you think “Keeping Weight Off” is right for you? To complete a brief online pre-screen go to <https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=RShqctenyg>. Please call Marcela Hayes, Research Coordinator at 508-858-1225 or email keepitoff@umassmed.edu to find out more information.