

# Research Opportunities

## Alexian Brothers Center for Psychiatric Research

is currently enrolling participants in several clinical studies including: Autism (ages 3-12); Bipolar I disorder, acute manic or mixed episode (ages 18-65); Major Depressive disorder (ages 18-75); Treatment-Resistant Depression (ages 18-70); Schizophrenia (ages 18-65). Clinical research very often presents people with renewed hope and the possibility that something different may be available for them. Eligible participants may receive medical and psychiatric evaluations along with medication provided at no cost. Compensation for time and travel may also be available.

For more information, please visit us online at [www.abbh.org/research](http://www.abbh.org/research) or at [research@alexian.net](mailto:research@alexian.net)

If you or someone you know may be interested in participating, please call us at **(847) 230-3591** for a FREE phone screening.

## American Medical Research, Inc. (AMR)

conducts inpatient and outpatient Phase I-IV Clinical Trials at sites in Oak Brook, Chicago, Aurora, and Naperville. Currently recruiting patients for research studies on Major Depression, Treatment Resistant Depression, Bipolar Depression, Adolescent Bipolar Disorder/Schizophrenia, Schizophrenia, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Insomnia, as well as many other studies. Eligible patients will receive all study drugs, evaluations, and study-related procedures at no cost, and compensation.

Please call: **1-866-NEW-MEDS (866-639-6337)** or **(630) 928-1000**

## Capstone Clinical Research

conducts psychiatric clinical medication trials for children, adolescents, and adults in Libertyville, IL. We are currently enrolling patients in several pediatric and adolescent trials including ADHD, Depression, Anxiety, and Bipolar Disorder. We also have trials for Binge Eating and Depression in Adults. Patients need not be previously diagnosed, and there is no cost or need for insurance. Our trials include comprehensive psychiatric evaluation, medical labs and EKG, and monitoring of study drugs as well as a stipend for time and travel.

For more information, contact our office at: **(847) 549-7214** or visit: [www.capstoneclinical.com](http://www.capstoneclinical.com)

## Loyola University Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurosciences

is seeking individuals with bipolar depressive disorder for a medical research study. You may be eligible to participate if you: are 21-65 years of age; have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, with no other significant medical or psychiatric diagnoses; have depressive symptoms that have not responded satisfactorily to previous or existing antidepressant therapy; have no history of drug abuse within the preceding 12 months. Qualified participants will receive psychiatric medication for a maximum of eight visits over a period of 10 weeks. Participants will be compensated up to \$460 for their time and travel.

For more information, please call: **(888) LUHS-888 (888-584-7888)** and ask for extension **6-5090**

## National Institute of Mental Health

is conducting two gene detection studies. One for Bipolar Disorder and another for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Adults with Bipolar Disorder or OCD are invited to join. Volunteer siblings and parents may be asked to participate. Participants will be interviewed and a small amount of blood will be collected. All information obtained will remain confidential, even among family members. A small stipend will be paid.

Contact Mrs. Kazuba at: **(866) 644-4363** Email: [kazubad@intra.nimh.nih.gov](mailto:kazubad@intra.nimh.nih.gov)

## Northwestern University

is looking for participants for a Schizophrenia Research Project. The studies look at different aspects of the illness using MRI technology, clinical interviews, and cognitive testing. The major goal of this study is to improve understanding of the underlying causes and mechanisms of schizophrenia, especially during its earliest phases. Participants are compensated up to \$25 per hour for their time. Individuals with schizophrenia, their mothers, and their siblings are encouraged to contact Dr. John Csernansky's research lab to find out which studies they qualify for as participants.

For more information, please call: **(312) 695-8643**

## Pediatric Brain Research & Intervention Center at The University of Illinois at Chicago

is looking for children/adolescents with Pediatric Bipolar Disorder, ADHD, and Healthy Controls to participate in our research study. Subjects ages 10-18 will be asked to participate in a 6 hour session which includes: a brain scan/fMRI, diagnostic interview, neuropsychological tests on a computer & eye movement testing. Participants will be compensated for their time. Studies conducted by Dr. Mani Pavuluri, MD, PhD.

Please contact Gail Schuck at: **(312) 996-1945** for more information.

### Rush University Department of Psychiatry

is enrolling participants in research studies for panic disorder and depression. All study visit procedures including physical and mental health evaluations, study medications and treatment sessions will be provided at no cost to you.

For more information, please contact us at: **1-888-862-7272**

### Rush University Medical Center

If you are between the ages of 18 and 55 and have been diagnosed with schizophrenia, you may be eligible to participate in the TE-NETS research study. This study was created to see if computer lessons and group discussions can improve memory and concentration. Study participants will be provided with a new FDA approved medication and regularly see a research psychiatrist for treatment. While enrolled in the study, participants will receive at no charge: psychiatric care, thinking and concentration exercises, mental health assessments, physical exams, laboratory tests, and medication for schizophrenia.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Strong at **(312) 942-7272**

### Treatment Research Center at Rush University Medical Center

is currently looking for subjects to participate in research studies in Chicago & Skokie for bipolar disorder, depression, and schizophrenia. Those who are eligible receive an evaluation, study medication, study visits and other study-related procedures at no cost. Some studies provide modest stipend. All patient info kept confidential.

Please call: **(312) 942-6597**

### The University of Chicago: Pharmacogenomics Research Study of Bipolar I Disorder

Principal Investigator: **Elliot Gershon, MD**

is seeking individuals who suffer from Bipolar I Disorder to participate in a study of mood stabilizer response. The study is designed to identify genes for relapse prevention. All participants will be given lithium and then they will be closely monitored for two years or until relapse. Throughout the course of participation, participants will have periodic assessments and blood draws for analysis. Participants are provided compensation for all research-related assessments and interventions. All assessments, appointments, follow-up will occur at the University of Chicago's Hyde Park campus. The time commitment varies depending on the treatment response, but subjects can be enrolled in the research study for up to 20 weeks in the stabilization and observation phase and up to two years in the maintenance phase. The study is on going until 2014. If interested, please call our study line:

**(866) 51-GENES** or **773-834-3560** or e-mail: **family@yoda.bsd.uchicago.edu**

### University of Chicago Clinical Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology Research Unit

The purpose of this study is to see how a type of medication called Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) has an effect on depression and associated symptoms in people with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD). SSRIs are often prescribed to patients with BPD, but their specific effects on depression and related symptoms, including self-harm, in people with BPD require further study. In this study, an FDA approved SSRI will be compared to a placebo in order to determine the effects of the medication. The study will last 5 months, and involves 13 visits. Part of the study involves taking an experimental drug or a placebo. You will receive a confidential evaluation to see if you qualify to enter the study. If you qualify, you will then receive a full behavioral assessment.

For more information, please call: **(773) 834-4441** or email: **SSRIBPD@bsd.uchicago.edu**

### The University of Illinois at Chicago

is conducting a "Late-Life Depression Study." Adults 60-and-over, experiencing Depression but not receiving treatment for it, are needed for the study. It requires 3 separate visits, and about 10 hours of time, overall. Mood evaluation, cognitive tests, an MRI brain scan, and a psychiatric interview are included. Participants will receive up to \$200. The study is being conducted by Dr. Anand Kumar of the UIC Psychiatric Institute, 1601 W. Taylor St., Chicago.

Contact Piotr Daranowski at: **(312) 413-8223** or email: **Mood-Study@psych.uic.edu**

### The University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Cognitive Medicine

is conducting research "Comparing Two Kinds of Counseling Sessions after an Initial Psychotic Episode." Inclusion criteria: ages 16-45, received a diagnosis of psychotic disorder such as Schizophrenia or a related condition in the last 3 years, and willing to receive ongoing outpatient treatment at the Psychotic Disorders Program at UIC.

Please contact Dr. Peter Weiden at: **(312) 996-8164** or email: **PSI@psych.uic.edu**

### The University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Cognitive Medicine

is conducting a research study on "Switching Antipsychotics." This is a study for a new medication treatment for people currently taking antipsychotic medication. The goal of this study is to learn more about the best way to switch to this new antipsychotic medication from another antipsychotic medication. This medication is FDA approved and has been shown to be effective in reducing symptoms and side effects in other studies. Inclusion criteria: 18 years or older; currently diagnosed with schizophrenia and have symptoms/side effects; willing to switch current antipsychotic medication to the study medication.

Please contact Dr. Peter Weiden at: **(312) 996-8164** or email: **PSI@psych.uic.edu**