

Research and Trials

UCLA conducts research for a wide range of medical disorders and offers patients opportunities to participate in research and clinical trials.

Early Alzheimer's

If you (or a loved one) are 65 years or older, with concerns about mild decline in memory or other cognitive abilities, you may be eligible to participate in a Medicare-sponsored brain imaging study conducted by UCLA Ahmanson Biological Imaging Clinic. This study aims to determine whether data on brain metabolism can affect diagnosis and management decisions of primary care physicians, and whether this can lead to improved clinical outcomes of patients experiencing mild cognitive impairment. Participants will be compensated up to \$425 plus parking expenses for the duration of study participation.

INFO: (310) 794-5067 or email sklee@mednet.ucla.edu

Cognitive Rehabilitation Study

Do you have problems thinking and concentrating since your breast cancer treatments? UCLA is seeking volunteers to participate in a cognitive rehabilitation study. Eligible participants must be a breast cancer survivor, completed a cancer treatment within the past 18 months to five years and be experiencing problems with thinking, memory and concentrating since the treatments. All studies are conducted at no cost to the participants.

INFO: (310) 825-2520

Brain Mapping

The UCLA Ahmanson-Lovelace Brain Mapping Center is seeking healthy individuals 60 to 90 years of age, to take structural and functional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), blood draw, neurological examination and questionnaire, and two to three visits to UCLA for a study to develop an atlas or map of the human brain. Participants will receive \$25 per hour or a minimum of \$75.

INFO: (310) 825-2613 or email brainmapping@loni.ucla.edu

Dental Implant Screening

Learn about alternatives to dentures by making an appointment for a dental implant screening.

WHERE: Staumann Surgical Dental Clinic, UCLA School of Dentistry, 10833 Le Conte Ave., B-Level

INFO: (310) 825-3072



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www.uclahealth.org/calendar

Treatment of Senior Depression

The UCLA Geriatric Psychiatry Research Program is conducting a four-month research study on the experimental drug combination for the treatment of depression for those who are 60 years of age and older. All participants will be given the study drug citalopram (Celexa) and methylphenidate (Ritalin) either together or in combination with a placebo. A complete psychiatric evaluation will be provided. Subjects will be paid for participating.

INFO: (310) 794-4619 or (310) 983-3375

Depression

If you are between 21 and 75 years of age and are experiencing symptoms of depression, you may be eligible to participate in a depression treatment study at the UCLA Depression Research Program and Clinic. The study utilizes EEG measurements (brain electrical activity) as a guide for administering FDA approved depression medications. Participants in the study will receive, free of charge, a thorough diagnostic evaluation, an FDA approved depression medication, monitoring throughout the study, and \$150 for completion of the study. To be eligible, you may not be taking any other depression medications. The study will last eight weeks and requires at least one visit to the UCLA Depression Research Clinic per week.

INFO: (310) 825-3351 or visit www.DepressionLA.com

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

UCLA is seeking males 18 to 60 years of age with irritable bowel syndrome to test the brain's response to emotional pictures. Qualified participants may be compensated up to \$125.

INFO: (310) 206-0310

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

UCLA Department of Medicine is seeking women between the ages of 18 and 60 years and diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) to participate in a research study to assess the role of Substance P and the NK1 receptor system in IBS and IBD, to test the relationship between individual differences in physical discomfort and the Substance P system. The study includes PET and fMRI scanning. Participants will receive \$35 for the initial screening and up to \$235 for completed study.

INFO: (310) 983-1447

Memory Loss

Were you diagnosed with breast cancer within the past two years? We are examining the blood level of vitamin D to understand how it relates to other factors such as diet and sun exposure. We are also interested in the use of vitamin D supplements and breast cancer treatments. There is one in-person visit to UCLA that takes approximately 30 minutes.

INFO: (310) 206-7392

Vitamin D and Breast Cancer Study

Were you diagnosed with breast cancer within the past two years? We are examining the blood level of vitamin D to understand how it relates to other factors such as diet and sun exposure. We are also interested in the use of vitamin D supplements and breast cancer treatments. There is one in-person visit to UCLA that takes approximately 30 minutes.

INFO: (310) 794-5818

Prostate Cancer and High Intensity Focused Ultrasound

Participants with recurrent prostate cancer after treatment with external beam radiation therapy may qualify for a research study using high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) to treat prostate cancer. Participants will receive the outpatient HIFU procedure under anesthesia and follow-up for a year after treatment.

INFO: (310) 794-3566

Depression and Insomnia

If you are between 18 and 64 years of age, and are experiencing symptoms of depression and insomnia, you may be eligible to participate in a study at UCLA that examines the effects of mood, cognition (aspects of thinking like memory, attention, decision-making), life functioning and satisfaction, brain chemistry, and brain activity during treatment with an antidepressant plus a medication for insomnia. Participants in this confidential project will be interviewed by the researchers, undergo treatment with an antidepressant plus a medication for insomnia, have their brain waves measured with the EEG (electroencephalogram), and have blood drawn. Participants will receive up to \$200 in compensation for completing all the activities in this eight-week study.

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