

CURRENT RESEARCH STUDIES

Study	Compensation Up To
Acne (ages 12-65 years old)	\$100
Arthritis of the Knee	\$450
Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH or Enlarged Prostate)	\$825
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Diabetic Neuropathy	\$390
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Hypoactive Sexual Desire (Postmenopausal Females)	\$450
Insomnia (ages 18-64 years old)	\$1,350
Prevention of Aspirin Related Stomach Ulcers	\$500
Sciatica Pain	\$500

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UPCOMING RESEARCH STUDIES

Chronic Lower Back Pain
Cold Sore
Elderly Insomnia
Fibromyalgia
Healthy Volunteer Vaccine
High Cholesterol

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OSTEOARTHRITIS...WHAT IS IT? ...ARE THERE NEW TREATMENTS??

Healthy joints help your body move, bend and twist. Knees glide up and down stairs without creaking or crunching. Hips move you along on a walk without a complaint. But, when osteoarthritis affects your joints, such simple, everyday movements can hurt. Walking a few steps, opening a door, and even combing your hair can be difficult.

What causes osteoarthritis?

The simplest way to describe osteoarthritis (OA) is that it is wear and tear on the cartilage of your joints. A joint is where two bones connect. Your joints have cushioning inside them called cartilage. This tissue is firm, thick and slippery. It covers and protects the ends of bones where they form a joint. With arthritis, there are changes that cause cartilage to break down. When it breaks down, the bones rub together and cause damage and pain. Experts don't know why this breakdown in cartilage happens. However, aging, joint injury and genetics may be part of the reason.

How is it treated?

If pain is mild, you may only need pain medications you can buy over the counter. These include, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, or Naproxen (Aleve). But if pain continues, a prescribed medicine may be required. Using ice or heat on the painful joint may help. Losing weight may be one of the best things to do for arthritis as it helps take stress off your joints. Exercise can help strengthen supporting muscles, thereby reducing stress on the joint.

What research is occurring to evaluate investigational medications?

Researchers are always evaluating new investigational medications for arthritis. One such study drug under development is the use of anti Nerve Growth Factors (NGF). The role of anti-NGFs appears to principally be as modulator of the pain response. Some research studies have shown that blocking NGF normalizes pain sensitivity. Elevated levels of NGF are associated with inflammation, tissue damage and disease states such as arthritis. Blockage of NGF has demonstrated a significant reduction in pain.

Additionally, researchers are evaluating that SNRIs (Serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors) in an investigational use for arthritis and chronic pain. SNRIs have traditionally been used as a treatment for depression. One SNRI in particular, Cymbalta (duloxetine), is being evaluated to see if it is effective in treating osteoarthritis, chronic back pain, diabetic peripheral neuropathy and fibromyalgia.

Also injection of investigational medications directly into a joint affected by osteoarthritis is being evaluated in terms of pain relief and function. Hyaluronic Acid (HA) injections replace the naturally occurring HA that provides lubrication and elasticity to the joint. This naturally occurring HA is decreased in arthritic joints causing friction which in turn causes pain and decreased function.

What is Omega doing?

Currently, Omega is conducting several clinical research studies for people with osteoarthritis and chronic pain.

Studies include:

- Anti-NGF investigational medications for low back pain, sciatica pain and OA of the knee.
- Cymbalta in an investigational use and in an investigational combination with a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication for OA of the knee.
- Injection of a single dose of investigational Hyaluronic Acid into an arthritic knee joint.

Please call Patty Feole, RN to learn all the details of these studies and to see if you may qualify to participate. Call 401-739-3573 today.

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A RESEARCH STUDY TO EVALUATE AN INVESTIGATIONAL MEDICATION TO SEE IF IT CAN PREVENT ASPIRIN RELATED STOMACH ULCERS

Omega Medical Research is participating in a research study of an investigational medication to see if it can reduce the possibility of aspirin related stomach ulcers.

Participants must:

- Be 60 years or older or 18-60 years old with a history of a stomach or duodenal ulcer in the last 5 years.
- Currently be taking 325 mg of Aspirin each day for secondary prevention of heart disease.

Compensation for time and travel will be provided.

For more information, please call Omega Medical Research at 401.739.3573 or online at www.omegastudies.com

THANK YOU SWINE FLU (H1N1) VACCINE STUDY VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who participated in our investigational swine flu vaccine research studies over the past several months. Your participation is very much appreciated and has made enrollment a success here at Omega Medical Research. We were able to enroll almost 400 subjects into the many different Swine Flu Vaccine studies (varying age groups: pediatric, adult and elderly) being conducted here at Omega Medical Research.

Not only are we grateful for our success in enrolling these studies, we are also honored to have been chosen as the only site in RI to have the opportunity to work on these Swine Flu Vaccine Studies.

Thank you again to all who have participated in these studies. We could not have achieved this success without all of you.

CALL TO ACTION

Been in a study at Omega Medical Research awhile ago and want to do another study with us? Finishing up a study and want to consider doing another one? Never been in a study and would like more information?

Check out our website at www.omegastudies.com and click on Current Studies.

Call our patient recruiter, Patty Feole, RN at 401.739.3573.

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