A skin cream developed and tested by UAB Professor Mohammad Athar, Ph.D., has shown it can hyper-activate the body’s natural DNA repair mechanisms in preclinical testing, scoring a major breakthrough in the fight against skin cancer.

The active component of the cream protected mice from skin cancer and reduced the growth of cancers already present by repairing damaged proteins called p53, a tumor-suppressor gene. The cream could one day be added to sunscreen as a cancer-fighting ingredient if it is shown to have the same effect in humans. The compound also could be effective in the fight against other cancers that feature p53 mutations.

“This is a very big breakthrough,” says Athar, principal investigator of the National Cancer Institute-funded project. “More than 50 percent of all human malignancies have detectable p53 mutations, and the remaining 50 percent that retain wild-type p53 also have problems with other downstream signaling molecules. This finding could potentially help a wide variety of cancers with p53 mutations.”

Athar’s findings recently were published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation.

Common cancer

More than 1 million cases of non-melanoma skin cancer diagnosed yearly in the United States are considered to be sun-related, according to the American Cancer Society. Non-melanoma skin cancer, the most common type of cancer affecting humans, occurs in either basal cells or squamous cells. Those cancers typically occur in sun-exposed areas. Most skin cancers are caused by ultraviolet (UV) light exposure to the skin by sunlight or man-made tanning lamps. There is strong epidemiologic evidence supporting a relationship between UV light exposure and non-melanoma skin cancer and a growing evidence of a relationship between indoor tanning and melanoma.

Chronic exposure to UV light is a risk factor for skin cancer.

UAB Hospital promotes clean hands as first defense against infection, sickness

UAB Hospital is working to increase awareness among staff, patients and families members of the role of clean hands in reducing hospital-associated infections. Mariam Schmitz, infection control practitioner and team leader for Partners in Your Care (PIYC), says the campaign will help maintain UAB Hospital standards of excellence.

“Hand hygiene is consistent with our core value of doing the right thing,” Schmitz says. “No staff member wants to be infected because we haven’t washed our hands, and certainly no one wants to pass on an infection to patients, visitors or other staff.”

Noncompliance with hand hygiene is a main source of hospital-associated infections, and hospital-associated infections with resistant organisms are on the rise nationwide, Schmitz says. PIYC is a peer-reviewed, evidence-based program endorsed by The Joint Commission, that, when instituted at other institutions, has significantly improved compliance with hand-hygiene protocols.

Beginning with basics

At UAB, the admitting department is distributing literature to patients encouraging them to ask all health-care personnel if they have cleaned their hands before touching them.

“Patients should ask, ‘Have you cleaned your hands?’ every time a staff member cares for them,” Schmitz says. “The correct response is either ‘Yes, I have’ or ‘No, thanks for reminding me.’”

“Proper hand hygiene is the single-most important step we can take to reduce hospital-associated infections,” Schmitz says. “Reducing those infections saves money, and, more important, reduces patient suffering, morbidity and mortality.”

Shakespeare compared to modern comedies by director

A ssistant Professor Marlene Johnson is a voice, dialect and text coach and a director with more than 20 years of experience. She is directing the Shakespeare play “As You Like It” in the Odess Theater March 1-2 and 4-8. The play asks the questions: What is real love? What is false love? What is the nature of a vow or promise? “As in most comedies, at the center of the play is disturbance, disorder and pain,” Johnson says. “What makes that messiness comical is the unquenchable spirit to survive
State ethics filing deadline set for April: form on BlazerNET

UAB employees who meet certain criteria are required to file their annual economic interests form with the Alabama Ethics Commission by April 30. The forms will be available through BlazerNET.

Faculty and staff who meet a certain salary threshold, or whose job includes management of state funds in certain capacities, must file a Statement of Economic Interests form on an annual basis, said UAB Chief Human Resources Officer Cheryl E.H. Locke. Such employees are receiving formal notice of this requirement in a letter sent to their home address; the letter instructs employees to log in to BlazerNET to download and print the form. Once in BlazerNET (blazer-net.uab.edu), employees should click on the Employee Resources tab and click on the link in the Human Resource Management channel.

Once the form is completed, employees should return it to the State of Alabama Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 302300, Montgomery AL 36130-2300.

“This filing is one part of the Ethics Commission’s efforts to ensure compliance with state conflict of interest laws and proper handling of taxpayer dollars,” Locke explained.

The filing is mandated by the Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 36-25-14. Summarized, the requirements as they apply to UAB state that:

- Persons whose base rate of pay at any time during the calendar year 2007 would have annualized to $30,000 or greater are required to file, even if employment during the year was for a period as short as one day.
- Persons under that salary threshold whose job includes authority for procurement or investments are required to file.
- The Ethics Commission has exempted persons whose pay and benefits come primarily from UAB Hospital from the filing requirement.

Further description of commission and its requirements can be found online at www.ethics.alalinc.net.

Chapman is 2007 Conner Prize winner

Alison Chapman, associate professor of English in the School of Arts & Humanities, is the winner of the 2007 Frederick W. Conner Prize in the History of Ideas for the essay, “Marking Time: Astrology, Almanacs and English Protestantism.”

Chapman’s presentation of her winning essay is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. in the Laster Hill Library Irland Room. A brief award ceremony and a reception are planned, and UAB colleagues are invited to attend. Please contact the Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs at 934-0513 to RSVP.

Run on April 25 to raise Dollars for Scholars

Start training now for the UAB National Alumni Society’s second annual “Dollars for Scholars” 5K/10K Run on Friday, April 25 to raise money for scholarships.

Registration for the 5K and 10K races is $20 prior to March 31. It is $25 after March 31 and $30 on the day of the race. Both 5K and 10K races are certified by the USATF. To register call Alumni Affairs at 934-3555. You can also register for Dollars for Scholars at www.active.com.

This event enables the National Alumni Society to provide more than $450,000 in scholarships and grants for UAB students. This past year, the event raised $32,000 for scholars.

UAB Career Services to host Job Fair

UAB Career Services will host its 2008 Spring Career Fair Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the UAB Campus Recreation Center.

Students at UAB may voice their support for state funding of higher education during a rally on campus estimated Thursday, March 6 at the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery. Call the UAB Office of Student Involvement at 934-8225, for more details.

Students at the rally also will be encouraged to participate in the annual Higher Education Day rally scheduled Thursday, March 6 at the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery. Call the UAB Office of Student Involvement at 934-8225, for more details.

Student campus rally to support higher education funding

Students at UAB may voice their support for state funding of higher education during a rally on campus Thursday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. in the UAB Commons.

Several UAB student organizations are hosting the event to persuade state legislators to prevent cuts in state appropriations to four-year colleges and universities. Gordon Stone, executive director of the Higher Education Partnership, will speak at the rally. Food and drinks are free.

Students at the rally also will be encouraged to participate in the annual Higher Education Day rally scheduled Thursday, March 6 at the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery. Call the UAB Office of Student Involvement at 934-8225, for more details.

UAB juniors, seniors and alumni seeking internships and full-time employment are welcome. Recruiters from more than 120 national companies and organizations will be on hand to discuss employment opportunities.

Business attire is suggested. Participants are encouraged to take copies of their resume. UAB students should take their campus card for admission.

For more information, call UAB Career Services at 934-4932 or visit the Career Services office in the Hill University Center, Suite 532.

Rammer Jammer author to speak here

New York Times reporter, author and Birmingham native Warren St. John will speak at an event to benefit UAB scholarships Sunday, March 2 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in The Birmingham News offices at 2201 Fourth Ave. North.

St. John is author of Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammer: A Road Trip Into the Heart of Fan Mania, a hilarious travel book published in 2004 that examined a group of devoted Crimson Tide fans as they followed the football team from game to game.

St. John also has written extensively for The New Yorker, The New York Observer and Wired magazine. Tickets are $75. For more information or for tickets, contact Jessica Grizzad at 975-1256 or e-mail grijzard@uab.edu.

“An afternoon with Warren St. John” is sponsored by the UAB Department of English Advisory Committee, and funds will benefit departmental scholarships.

FACTORIES
Three honored at Feb. 8 meeting as emeritus faculty

The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama System honored three UAB faculty at emeritus positions during the Feb. 8 meeting.

Kent G. Palcianis, D.D.S., has been named professor and associate dean emeritus in the School of Dentistry; Jerry Thompson, Ph.D., has been named professor emeritus in the departments of Biochemistry, Pediatrics, Genetics and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics; and Michael A. Thompson has been named professor emeritus in the School of Health Professions, Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Biology.

HAND WASHING

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Studies show physicians, nurses and other health-care workers do not always clean their hands properly. Partners in Your Care research also shows:

- Health-care workers hands are contaminated 23 percent of the time, even when using gloves
- Germs are most often transmitted from patient to patient via the contaminated hands of health-care workers
- 42 percent of nurses contaminate their gloves with difficult-to-treat staph germs without direct patient contact, but touching surfaces near the patient
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are more effective than washing with soap and water, better for the skin and take less time.

Overcoming resistance

There are three main reasons health-care workers don’t clean their hands properly. It bothers their skin; they don’t think they have to if they wear gloves; they forget.

But research shows when health-care workers comply with hand-hygiene protocols it reduces hospital-associated infections by one third.

One hand washes the other

Hand hygiene products that are effective and mild to the skin have been installed in UAB Hospital to encourage proper hand hygiene, but success of PIYC depends equally on compliance levels. Just as hand hygiene protocol compliance is initiated by nursing unit and by job classification, adds Alan M. Stamm, M.D., hospital infection control officer.

“There again will be opportunities for benchmarking.”

A PowerPoint presentation is available online at https://irc.hs.uab.edu/. Select Infection Control, then PIYC: UAB’s New Hand Hygiene Improvement Program.

JOHNSON

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― to get up after being knocked down." Johnson and her students have been preparing the production for months. She recently spoke to the UAB Reporter about the play and the nuances of William Shakespeare’s works.

Q. What are some of the challenges of directing a Shakespeare play?

A. Some of the challenges are getting students comfortable with the language and the language structures in order to make the meanings clear and to find and use the imagery — getting them to discover what acting is. Acting is contained right in the language. Then finding actions, movement, but also getting actors comfortable working in stillness without a lot of clutter. Working in stillness is movement.

Q. How is Shakespeare’s view of comedy different from ours today?

A. I don’t know that it is. He makes use of rhetorical arguments, puns, antithesis, word play and lists that we don’t use as much now. A lot of the humor is hatted between witty opponents. Our language has become so flattened musically that it is challenging for an actor to make clear these little punch lines and punch words. There is a lot of commedia influence as well, so there is opportunity for physical comedy as well as a more presentational style sometimes, getting away from strict realism. This is one of the joys of working on Shakespeare.

Q. You have taught an Acting Shakespeare class before. What does it take to be a good and entertaining Shakespearean actor, particularly for this play?

A. A good Shakespearean actor uses technique in the service of playing the story and finding the character’s throughline and objectives.

The language structures release the actor to play; tells a clear story; makes clear an argument from a persuasion point of view. He listens and responds to his partners. He doesn’t chop up long thoughts in sound-bites of five to seven words, but instead learns to play the throughline of the thought.

The audience cannot follow the thought if the actor breaks it up or pauses a lot in between.

Shakespeare requires an actor to act on the line rather than create lots of subtext and take lots of time between the line to act. Whatever subtext there is happens simultaneously as the actor speaks.

This means that the actor has to make active discoveries moment to moment and process what she is thinking right at this minute rather than thinking and then speaking, which is what we get used to with realism or with film acting.

SKIN CANCER

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Cancer in which signature mutations in the p53 tumor-suppressor gene occur. This happens due to DNA damage. p53 controls other important cellular functions, including cell division and a genetically encoded auto-destruct pathway called apoptosis that kills unhealthy cells.

“On the first time someone has shown this can work in relevant mouse models,” he says, “We’ve been working on this for about five years, and we’ve slowly found we could make the p53 functional again.”

Athar’s colleagues around the country say the findings are encouraging.

Mutant p53 is an important target for cancer-therapy development because mutations in this guardian of the genome lead to tumor development and progression and are associated with poor response to therapy,” says Waifik El-Deiry, a cancer biologist at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. “These studies have important implications for chemoprevention as well as therapy of common, mutant p53-driven tumors.”

Next step

Athar says the next step for the skin cream is beginning Phase I and II clinical trials here at UAB.

When those begin “depends on funding,” he says. Athar hopes to pursue the compound’s use in clinical trials, especially pancreatic and breast cancers — two of the common forms of cancer with frequent p53 mutations.

“The most important part of this finding is that if this proves correct, it will open doors for a large number of clinical trials for cancers in which we have identified p53 mutations,” he says. “I’m certainly interested in investigating how this compound can work in treating other cancers.”

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Special Lectures

Monday, Feb. 18

Noon UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center/Endometriosis: Cervical cancer biomarkers: Screening for a vaccine-preventable disease. Dr. Elizabeth Unger (team leader, Human Papillomavirus Program, Vast & Ricketsiella Diseases, CDC); Rylas Public Health Bidlg-407.

Noon Sigma Xi Luncheon Seminar: Computer science K-12 outreach events at UAB. Assc Prof Jeffery Gray (Computer & Information Sciences); Campbell Hall-214. Free pizza lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

6-8 p.m UAB Police Department. Self-defense seminar conducted by Sgt. Bonita Sims, a specialist in crime prevention and campus safety. The seminar is open to faculty, staff and students. Free. Business-Engineering Complex-320. Seating is limited. RSVP to kjohnston@uab.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

6-8 p.m UAB Police Department. Self-defense seminar conducted by Sgt. Bonita Sims, a specialist in crime prevention and campus safety. The seminar is open to faculty, staff and students. Free. Business-Engineering Complex-320. Seating is limited. RSVP to kjohnston@uab.edu.

Thursday, Feb. 21

3 p.m Office of Postdoctoral Education. Transition to independence: How to prepare a CV/resume/portfolio. Dr. Andy Gannon (Birmingham Southern College), Dr. Elizabeth Unger (UAB). Rylas Library-Henley Rm. Admission is limited, RSVP to kjohnston@uab.edu.

Friday, Feb. 22

11:45 a.m Haddan Humanities Forum. Directing as you like it. Asst Prof Mariene Johnson (Theatre). Sterne Library-Henley Rm.

Noon UAB Vision Science Research Center visiting scholar program. Monkey models of macular disease, Dr. Martha Neuringer (Assoc Prof, Oregon Health & Science University); Worrell Conf Ctr-1st fl. All are invited to attend.

Monday, Feb. 25

Noon UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center/Arthritis & Musculoskeletal Center/Endometriosis: HIV infection-associated immune dysfunction: Role in the development of B cell lymphoma, Dr. Dioni Martinez-Maza (Prof, OB/GYN, Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA); Rylas Public Health Bidlg-407.

1:30 p.m Office of Postdoctoral Education. International workshop: How do I find a job in my home country? Asst Prof Chenbei Cheng (Cell Biology), Prof Ada Elgavish (Genetics) and Dr Shekhar Mandre (staff scientist, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India); Shelby Bidlg-105. Refreshments will be served.

Defenses

For a complete list of defenses and other graduate School events, visit the Calendar of Events located in the main section of the Graduate School web site at www.uab.edu/graduate.

Meetings

Monday, Feb. 18, Feb. 25

5:25 p.m Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 967-0303.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, Feb. 26

10 a.m International Women’s Group. Smolian International House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu

12:10 p.m Stress Management through Meditation: The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2281 or visit www.uab.edu/awowens for more info.

3 p.m Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Spanish Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub, centro@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

2 p.m Tai Chi – Stress Management through Movement: The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2281 or visit www.uab.edu/awowens for more info.

3 p.m Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Medical Spanish Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub, centro@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

6:30 p.m SMART recovery group meeting: Not a 12-step or religious program. Any addiction or habit can be helped. Southside Baptist Church, Call WL Fulcher 975-7755 for details.

8 p.m Stammtisch conversation table, for anyone who speaks German; Giuseppe’s Cafe, 925 8th Street Suite C. For info, agresh@uab.edu.

Friday, Feb. 22, Feb. 29

7 a.m Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-8295.

Noon Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Japanese Conversation Table; Commons on the Green, makokok@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

12:30 p.m Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Russian Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub, luna.yeikovskaya@yahoo.com or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

Religion

Tuesday, Feb. 19, Feb. 26

Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship meeting. WP-B. All welcome. Blair 216-8571.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, Feb. 27

Noon Employee-led Bible Study: Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.

12:15 p.m Latter-day Saints Student Association. Scripture study and discussion; HUC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338.

Sunday, Feb. 24, March 2

10 a.m Catholic mass: St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.

5 p.m Catholic mass: St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.

5 p.m UAB Hindu Student Council. We will have a session on singing and featuring the Hari Krishna way where everyone is welcome to join. For more info, Varadraj Prabhu 383-9805. 1501 15th Ave S, Apt 20, Bham.

Exhibits

Mervyn H. Sterne Library. African-American Life Achievement. The exhibit ends Feb 29. Library hours: 7:30 a.m–11 p.m Mon–Thur; 7 a.m–7 p.m Fri; 9 a.m–5 p.m Sat; 1-11 p.m Sun.

The Samuel Ullman Museum. Home of prominent Birmingham area leader and poet. Open by appointment only, 4-3183.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, Feb. 27

9 a.m New parent support group (birth-2 years); WP-Conf Ctr. Questions? Call Freda S. 2337 In the Center.

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Visual Arts Gallery. Karin Rashid, UAB 2008 Pauline Ireland Visiting Artist. This exhibition features the innovative designs of world-renowned industrial designer Karim Rashid. Known for clients as diverse as Prada and Dirv Dev, Rashid channels his personal design manifesto into everyday objects. 909 13th St. S. Admission is free. Through March 8. 4-0815.

Films

Tuesday, Feb. 19

7 p.m UAB Black Student Awareness Committee. Four Little Girls, a Spike Lee film. Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

8 p.m UAB Foreign Film Series. Faat-Kine, an Ousmane Sembene film from Senegal. The film is in French and Wolof with English subtitles. Plot: Faat-Kine is an unmarried mother of two torn between the demands of work, family and friends. The film is free and open to the public. Hulsey Recital Hall.

Special events

Monday, Feb. 18

7 p.m Music. UAB Guest Recital featuring Jerome Lowenthal, piano. Reynolds-Kirschenbaum Recital Hall. Call 5-7277.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

6 p.m UAB Office of Student Involvement. Free food for thought: I have a dream…Who cares? The topic of this dialogue among UAB students is whether every American is still concerned for the dream of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 2008. The event is free and open to the public. Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

6:30 p.m UAB Black Graduate Student Association. HIV/AIDS program: Homeless insurmountability among our communities; Hill University Center Great Hall. This program is a dramatic performance with a candlelight dinner followed by a panel discussion.

7 p.m UAB Writers Series. Authors Carolyn Elinik and Patricia Waters will read from their works. Elinik is the author of three books of poetry, including Angel Pays a Visit, Daedalus Rising and Coriolis Forces. Waters, an instructor at the University of Alabama, published her first book, The Ordinary Sublime, in 2006. The lectures are free and open to the public. Spencer Honors House.

Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 20-24

7:30 p.m UAB Theatre. The Laramie Project, written by Moises Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project and directed by UAB student Luke Harlan. This is the first time a student will direct a main
stage play presented by UAB Theatre. “The Laramie Project” was written in reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wy. The murder is considered to be a hate crime motivated by homophobia. Eight actors portray more than 60 characters in three acts. Tickets are $15 and $12; $6 for UAB/BACHE students; $10 for UAB employees and senior citizens. Call 5-2787.| 7 pm public. Bartow Arena. Call 4-8020 for more info.| $17 for other college students and $20 for the general public. Day of the show, tickets will be $15 for UAB students with ID, $20 for the general public. The event is held to raise money for the Camille Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to African-American students of at least junior standing planning to study law. Advanced tickets are limited to African-American students of at least junior standing planning to study law. Tickets are $45, $35 and $25; students and kid-friendly tickets are $10. Call 5-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org. This show is an ASC Social Club event; join the club for a party after Friday night’s show. Tickets are $10; the party is free for ASC Social Club members. There is a 3 pm show on Feb. 23.

Saturday, February 23

7 pm UAB Black Student Awareness Committee. Annual Camille Armstrong Step Show. The event is held to raise money for the Camille Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to African-American students of at least junior standing planning to study law. Advanced tickets are $10 for UAB students with ID, $12 for other college students with ID and $15 for the general public. Day of the show, tickets will be $15 for UAB students with ID, $17 for other college students and $20 for the general public. Bartow Arena. Call 4-8020 for more info.

Sunday, February 24

3 pm Music. UAB Wind Symphony & Symphony Band, conducted by Sue Samuels. Jemison Concert Hall. Call 5-2787.

Tuesday, February 26

6 pm UAB National Alumni Society. UAB softball alumni event; George Ward Park. Join the NAS cheer on the Blazers as they take on Mississippi State.

Wednesday, February 27

10 am-3 pm UAB Career Services. 2008 Spring Career Fair. UAB juniors, seniors and alumni seeking internships and full-time employment are welcome. Recruiters from more than 120 national companies and organizations will be on hand to discuss employment opportunities. UAB Campus Rec Center. For more info, call 4-4382.

Noon Music. UAB Department of Music Student Recital; Hulsey Recital Hall. Free 4-7376.

Thursday, February 28

4-6 pm Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences. 2008 UASOM Art Show awards ceremony and reception. The art show features all student, resident and faculty entries. The entries will be on display through May 30. Lister Hill Library 3rd fl.

Saturday-Sunday, March 1-2

7:30 pm UAB Theatre. As You Like It, written by William Shakespeare, directed by Marlene Johnson. Tickets are $12; $6 for UAB/BACHE students; $10 for UAB employees and senior citizens. Call 5-2787. Odeus Theatre.

Music. Sixth annual UAB Clarinet Retreat, featuring free public concerts. Directed by Denise Gainey. Students and clarinetists of all ages and abilities are invited to UAB to perform and discuss topics concerning clarinetists. Clinics include instrument mainte-
Behavioral study of cognitive function:
you are an adult under the age of 71 you may
have you tried everything to lose weight?
ual medical visits for weight management and
compensation provided. Sanford 996-2689.
HF-ACTION trial. If you are 19 or older and
have been diagnosed with heart failure, you
may be eligible to participate in this study to
see how long-term exercise training affects
fitness and survival among people with heart
failure. Meredith 5-8088.
No-cost insomnia treatment for people
with sleep problems to study the effects of
sleep medication. Compensated per visit.
Meredith 5-8088.
Men over 25 who have experienced 4 or more
episodes of depression, are not currently taking
psychotropic medication, and have been
taking antidepressants for at least 6 months.
Dr Gruman 5-6440.
At call centers.
Healthy men are needed for a study of skin
and bladder sensation. Compensated.
Time: 5-9642-4471.
Healthy men ages 55-60 with mild
memory loss and/or diagnosed w/Mild
Alzheimer’s disease. You may be eligible to
take part in a research study to determine
how memory decline affects everyday skills.
Physical exam and pencil & paper testing; no
meds. 1 visit/yr. Call UAB Clinics, Dr.
Yaciek 4-4468.
Inability to use alcohol uncontrollable
(higher than 4/0/0? Are you on one of
or more blood pressure medications
including a diuretic? Are you being treated
in a national 14-week research study to
determine the effects of a new investigational
medication in the treatment of severe
hypertension (blood pressure)? If you
receive study medication, blood pressure
checks, laboratory exams, and ECG at no
cost. Compensation: 4-9031.
Do you have diabetes? The Division of
Endocrinology is conducting research studies
in treatments for diabetes and diabetic compli-
cations such as neuropathy, obesity and car-
diovascular disease. Must be age 19 or older
and in reasonably good health with type 1 or
2 diabetes. Must have primary care care
provided at no charge including compensation.
Dr. Yaciek 4-4411.
Volunteers age 19-60 who do 6 months-3
post SCI are needed for a research study to
examine the effects of a new antiepileptic
drug and placebo. Recruited, reimbursed.
Fees: $100. Dr Dana 996-4015.
Controls needed: Healthy African-Americans
age 19 or older with 11 years education need-
ed. You receive a variety of exams and a clinical
talk about what is known about MS and to
Explore the Risks of Schizophrenia and Other Mental Health Illnesses.
These include clinical interview, computerized test of thinking,
concentration (not an IQ test) and a blood draw.
Compensated up to $100. Ryan 996-2194.
Do you have toenail fungus? You may qualify
to participate in a research study conducted by
the Department of Dermatology. You may be eligible to receive
cash compensation up to $100 in addition to
the cost, study visits, and monetary compensation.
Misty Winslett 502-9967.
Men & women ages 50-85 with a diagnosis of
age-related macular degeneration need-
ed. You receive $100 for each visit for taking
the nutritional supplements lutein, zeaxanthin,
and omega-3 fatty acids (EPA & DPA).
Katherine 325-6537.
African-American men/women ages 56-65 are
needed for a 6-month study, you are in good physical health and have
never been diagnosed with either Alzheimer’s or
Poor Mild Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s Disease
with memory loss you may qualify. One visit
per year involves computerized memory testing and a neurological exam.
Compensated $50/visit. 4-3974.
Care Team for HFrEx: If you have HFrEx and
are currently participating in a Care Team you are eligible to
take part in a research study for the effects of being in a Care Team for the
participant and volunteers. Compensated $80
for 4 sessions. Dr. Burrell 4-0630.
Do you know someone over the age of 65
who has back pain? If you do you may be
eligible to participate in a research study.
Recruited via word of mouth. Dr. Sipski 4-2484.
Recruiting adult men and women for a
steroid injection trial. Must have no known
infections or autoimmune diseases.
UAB Dental Research 410-705.
African-American females age 45 and older,
UAB and the American Heart Association
need your help with an important research
study. Are you at increased risk for heart
bacterium can cause ulcers, gastritis, gastric,
cancer, and death. You may be one of
these people who have these symptoms.
You may be at risk for heart disease, cancer,
disease, alcohol or drug abuse, and are a non-
urban community. Compensation up to
$250. 5-7338 ex 3.
Have you recently stopped drinking problem-
Finding treatment options. Call us anytime who
are recently stopping drinking in a problem
without treatment. You could provide valuable
information to researchers on effective
methods to treat substance abuse. This study is not a treat-
Healthcare Decisions.
Healthy volunteers age 19-60 needed for
metabolic study. This study requires a 3
day inpatient stay. Compensation is offered
and compensation provided. Sanford 996-2689.
HF-ACTION trial. If you are 19 or older and
have been diagnosed with heart failure, you
may be eligible to participate in this study to
see how long-term exercise training affects
fitness and survival among people with heart
failure. Meredith 5-8088.
No-cost insomnia treatment for people
with sleep problems to study the effects of
sleep medication. Compensated per visit.
Meredith 5-8088.
Are you a postmenopausal woman at increased risk for breast cancer? You may
be eligible to participate in a breast cancer prevention study.
Contact: Elda Maddox 5-1980.
Are you an overweight BMI > 30 woman
19-50? Are you a breast cancer patient?
Are you eligible to participate in a brain
imaging (MRI) study of decision-making.
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Living in the South. This is a one-time survey
capturing information on health, wellbeing, social and personal factors, and
diversity interests among people who self-identify as women who have a family
history of breast cancer. You are invited to participate in a university-sponsored study to study the social support networks of friends, families and community in lesbian families. You will receive a short anonymous survey and may be invited to participate in additional surveys.
To take the survey on-line go to LSSLstudy.com or contact us at LSSLstudy@uab.edu or 5-5736.
Are you a breast cancer premenopausal
women who have a family history of breast
cancer in first-and/or second-degree rela-
tors? You are needed for a study to examine
cancer risk, nutrition, hormone use and
complementary and integrative therapies.
Single appointment includes questionnaires and
evaluation. Contact: Dr. Park 996-7340/914-3158/hjp@uab.edu.
Are you a breast cancer woman aged 45-60
who has been diagnosed with breast cancer
and has received treatment for the disease
You may be eligible to participate in a study
comparing two approved medications for the
management of breast cancer-related lymph
edema or un/edema. Contact LSSLstudy.com
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concerned about developing diabetes? You
may be interested in participating in a study
that will last at least 1 year since your last menstrual period and
to examine the role of exercise, diet, and
physical activity on weight loss and weight
management. Contact: Dr. Winslett 5-9967.
Postmenopausal women aged 45-80 with
osteoporosis are needed for a study to
evaluate the effectiveness of FDA approved
drugs and placebo in the treatment of
osteoporosis. You will receive study ta-
ment at no cost. Compensation: 4-2935.
Are you a woman aged 60 or older? You may
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setting about the treatment of urinary incontinence. Contact: 4-2935.
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