

To: Community Representatives  
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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON



John T. Burklow

This is my fifth month in the role of Acting Director for the NIH Office of Community Liaison. I am enjoying this opportunity to work with the community, and I am committed to making the relationship between the NIH and its surrounding community one that is harmonious and mutually productive.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your colleagues that the NIH perimeter security system will become operational on August 29, 2005. The perimeter security system is designed to provide our employees, NIH patients and visitors and our scientific research facilities with around-the-clock security by moving it from individual buildings to the perimeter of the NIH campus. Once the perimeter security system becomes operational, all NIH patients, visitors and employees will still have access to the NIH campus, but only at designated entrances for each population.

NIH patients will be allowed to enter the campus at two designated entrances. One entrance will be the new temporary Gateway Visitor Center located off South Drive and Rockville Pike, near the Medical Center Metro station. The permanent Gateway Visitor Center and its underground parking facility are slated to open in summer/fall of 2007. The other entrance is through the new Patient Visitor Center, located on Cedar Lane. The new Patient Visitor Center entrance is specifically designed to meet the needs of NIH's patient population and is the preferred location for patients to enter the NIH campus. This entrance was designed and equipped to ensure a timely and comfortable check-in and security process with the use of a patient-specific coding system. This system will decrease the amount of time a patient will spend in security clearance processes. The patient visitor entrance will be open during prime patient hours, and only NIH patients and their visitors will be able to gain access to the NIH campus through this entrance.

Non-patient visitors to the NIH can access the campus at one of two entrances. One such entrance is the Gateway Visitor Center described above, which is available for both pedestrians and vehicular traffic. The second location for NIH visitors to access the campus is the West Visitors Center, located at Old Georgetown Road and South Drive. This west side entrance is designated for pedestrian and bicycle visitor traffic only. Visitors who would like to access the NIH campus to use the Metro station will not be affected by the

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The Community Liaison Council will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, September 15, at 4 p.m.**, in the Visitor Information Center, first floor, Building 45 on the NIH campus.

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launch of our perimeter security system. The perimeter security system has been strategically placed behind the Metro entrance to ensure that commuters will not experience any unnecessary security screenings or delays in accessing the public transportation system.

Though the implementation of the NIH perimeter security system limits pedestrian visitors to accessing the campus only at specific locations, the system will not bring about any additional delays or security screening processes. Our current practice is to check visitors at their point of entry to the campus and subsequently at each NIH building the visitor attempts to access. The new policies, which go into effect with the operation of the perimeter security system, will streamline the visitor security clearance process. Once the perimeter security system becomes operational, visitors both on foot and in vehicles will have to go through only one security check at their point of entry to the NIH campus. So, while it may seem as though the perimeter security system adds another step in the clearance process, visitors and pedestrians will actually experience a more efficient security screening system.

We welcome your feedback and questions about the new perimeter security system. Please send your comments or suggestions to the ORS Information Line at [orsinfo@mail.nih.gov](mailto:orsinfo@mail.nih.gov) or call 301-594-6677, TTY 301-435-1908.

## NIH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### Free Outdoor Film Festival Benefitting NIH Charities Set for August

Summer is officially here and with it comes the annual Comcast Outdoor Film Festival August 12–21, 2005, in North Bethesda. For 10 fun-filled evenings, area residents can enjoy a variety of great movies and good food and support a worthy cause—the NIH Children’s Charities. By purchasing popcorn or dinner from one of the food vendors on-site, you are helping raise money for the Children’s Inn at NIH, a residence for pediatric outpatients; Special Love, a program that provides children with cancer the opportunity to participate in fun activities; and the Friends of the Clinical

Center, a program that provides financial assistance to Clinical Center patients and their families.

Food vendors, which include Baja Fresh, Potomac Pizza, the Hard Times Café of Bethesda, Cameron’s Seafood and Ben & Jerry’s, open at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink tickets are \$1 each.

The event takes place on the grounds of Strathmore Hall Arts Center and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda. Parking is available in the Grosvenor–Strathmore Metro parking garage just off Tuckerman Lane. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m. on the days listed below. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

- August 12** *Shrek 2* (Rated PG, 92 minutes)
- August 13** *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (Rated PG, 141 minutes)
- August 14** *West Side Story* (Not Rated, 151 minutes)
- August 15** *Million Dollar Baby* (Rated PG-13, 132 minutes)
- August 16** *Grease* (Rated PG, 110 minutes)
- August 17** *The Birds* (Rated PG-13, 119 minutes)
- August 18** *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (Rated PG, 115 minutes)
- August 19** *Ray* (Rated PG-13, 152 minutes)
- August 20** *Spider-Man 2* (Rated PG-13, 127 minutes)
- August 21** *Shark Tale* (Rated PG, 90 minutes)

### National Library of Medicine Adds Albert Szent-Györgyi Papers to Its Profiles in Science Online Exhibit

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) at NIH recently added the works of biochemist and Nobel laureate Albert Szent-Györgyi, M.D., Ph.D., to its Profiles in Science Web site. The site, which is dedicated to the lives and works of prominent 20th century scientists and serves as an online exhibit, features oral histories, published articles, lectures, photos and documentaries about Szent-Györgyi. He is the 15th scientist to be added to the list of notable researchers who are already featured at <http://www.profiles.nlm.nih.gov>.



Albert Szent-Györgyi working at his lab bench in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

With a scientific career that spanned more than 70 years in four countries, Nobel prize-winning scientist Albert Szent-Györgyi made some remarkable achievements in his lifetime. In 1937 he became only the fourth Hungarian to win a Nobel Prize, for isolating vitamin C

and for his research on biological oxidation, which largely paralleled the Krebs citric acid cycle—a cycle that transforms food energy into energy for life processes. He unraveled the biochemical processes that make muscles move during World War II—whilst eluding Hitler’s Gestapo for his participation in Hungary’s anti-Nazi underground movement. And he was one of the first to explore the connections between free radicals and cancer.

“Dr. Szent-Györgyi was an innovative and imaginative researcher—a pioneer in several areas of biochemistry” said NLM director Donald A. B. Lindberg, M.D. “He was a great humanitarian, a charismatic and eloquent teacher, a great wit and deeply involved in politics. First and last, he was a great scientist.”

Born in Budapest, Szent-Györgyi became fascinated with science as a teenager. Wanting to become a medical researcher like his uncle, he went to Budapest Medical School in 1911. However, World War I interrupted his education, and he was called to serve as an army medic. This experience set the stage for his later political activism against war.

In 1917, he completed medical school and then spent several years learning biochemistry at laboratories in Czechoslovakia, Germany and the Netherlands. During this time, he grew interested in biological oxidation (e.g., why some fruits turn brown when exposed to air) and accepted a fellowship to Cambridge University in 1926. There he worked to isolate a then-unknown substance found

in citrus fruit, some vegetables and adrenal glands, which prevents browning. He called it “hexuronic acid.” He earned a Ph.D. for this work from Cambridge in 1927, and in 1931, he returned to Hungary to head the University of Szegeď’s Department of Medical Chemistry to continue this work, later identifying this substance as vitamin C.

Increasingly interested in the biochemical processes causing muscle movement, Szent-Györgyi also investigated respiration in muscle tissue during this period, clarifying the role of dicarboxylic acids and identifying the process as a cycle. He correctly defined most of the steps in the process, later known as the Krebs cycle. In 1937, he received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for “discoveries in connection with the biological combustion processes, with especial reference to vitamin C and the catalysis of fumaric acid.”

During World War II, Szent-Györgyi continued, as best he could, his research into the biochemistry of muscle movement. His activities

in Hungary’s anti-Nazi underground during 1943–1945, including a perilous mission to make contact with Allied officials on behalf of Hungary’s government, nearly got him arrested by the Gestapo but made him a national hero.

Following the post-war Soviet takeover of Hungary, Szent-Györgyi immigrated to the United States and settled at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where he continued to study muscle contraction chemistry and did pioneering work on the electron microscopy of muscle. In 1954, Szent-Györgyi received a Lasker Award for his contributions to understanding cardiovascular



Albert Szent-Györgyi and Richard Bersohn at a protest rally in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.



additional resource links. Certificates are also available upon completion of each topic area. For more information, visit the Web site listed above or call NCCAM's clearinghouse at 1-888-644-6226.

### Clinical Pharmacology Course To Begin in September

The NIH Clinical Center is offering a course in clinical pharmacology beginning in September and running through April 2006. The 2005–2006 *Principles of Clinical Pharmacology Course* takes place on Thursdays from 6:30–7:45 p.m., in Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, on the NIH campus in Bethesda, September 1–April 27, 2006. The course, which is free and open to all interested individuals, features an outstanding faculty and covers topics such as pharmacokinetics, drug metabolism and transport, assessment of drug effects, drug therapy in special populations and drug discovery and development. For more information or to register online, visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/researchers/training/principles.shtml> or call Donna Shields at 301-435-6618.

### NIH Needs Bluebird Nest Monitors

If you are an avid bird lover, then NIH has a job for you. NIH needs volunteers to monitor its bluebird boxes scattered throughout the campus. The bluebird boxes were installed to attract more birds as a natural deterrent for mosquitoes. So far, NIH is



having great success. "To date, we have had five successful nests fledge a total of 25 new bluebirds," says NIH landscape architect Lynn Mueller. "My volunteer monitors are thinning out, and I sure would like to

have more bird lovers to help check some of the campus boxes on a weekly basis or as time allows."

With more than 50 bluebird boxes throughout the Bethesda campus, volunteers are needed to cover several at a time. If you are interested in helping out, please call Mueller at 301-496-4817.

### NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series To Begin in September

NIH recently announced the schedule for its 2005–2006 Neuroscience Seminar Series. The series, which is free and open to the public, features lectures and discussions with leading neuroscientists on Mondays at noon, September 19, 2005–June 12, 2006, on the NIH campus. Sponsored by several NIH institutes, this year's series focuses on advances made in the areas of molecular, cellular and developmental neuroscience, cognitive science and neuroscience-related topics in pain and other diseases. Developed primarily for neurologists, neuropsychiatrists and health care providers, the purpose of the series is to educate participants in the recent advances made in basic and clinical neuroscience research. Continuing medical education is offered for physicians. Seminars take place in Lipsett Amphitheater in Building 10, on the NIH campus in Bethesda. For more information or for the seminar schedule, visit <http://neuroseries.info.nih.gov/index.asp> or call Peggy Rollins at 301-435-2232.

## NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

### August

**August 10** .....  
**NIH Clinical Center Grand Rounds: *Physician Impairment: Lessons Learned about Disruptive Physicians*** by Anderson Spickard, Jr., M.D., Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to health care professionals. Continuing medical education (CME) credit is available. For more information, call 301-496-2563 or visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/about/news/grcurrent.shtml>.

**NIH Science in the Cinema Series: *Panic in the Streets*** (Not Rated), followed by a discussion on pneumonic plague and infectious diseases by John Parascandola, Ph.D., National Library of Medicine, NIH, 7–9:30 p.m., AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, free and open to the public. Tickets are available on the day of the show on a first-come, first-served basis. For more

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information on tickets, call 301-495-6720. For information about the film series, visit the NIH Office of Science Education's Web site at <http://science.education.nih.gov> and click on the link for Science in the Cinema or call 301-402-2470.

**August 12** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Shrek 2* (Rated PG), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 13** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (Rated PG), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 14** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *West Side Story* (Not Rated), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 15** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Million Dollar Baby* (Rated PG-13), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 16** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Grease* (Rated PG), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 17** .....

**NIH Clinical Center Grand Rounds:** *Resident Fatigue: The Science of Sleep, Fatigue and Performance—Implications for Residency Duty Hours* by David F. Dinges, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to

healthcare professionals. CME credit is available. For more information, call 301-496-2563 or visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/about/news/grcurrent.shtml>.

**NIH Science in the Cinema Series:** *My Life* (Rated PG-13), followed by a discussion on end-of-life issues, cancer, death and dying by Susan McMillan, Ph.D., ARNP, FAAN, University of South Florida, 7–9:30 p.m., AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, free and open to the public. Tickets are available on the day of the show on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information on tickets, call 301-495-6720. For information about the film series, visit the NIH Office of Science Education's Web site at <http://science.education.nih.gov> and click on the link for Science in the Cinema or call 301-402-2470.

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *The Birds* (Rated PG-13), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 18** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (Rated PG), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 19** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Ray* (Rated PG-13), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 20** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Spider-Man 2* (Rated PG-13), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 21** .....

**Comcast Outdoor Film Festival:** *Shark Tale* (Rated PG), food proceeds benefit NIH Charities, vendors open at 6:30 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m., held on the grounds of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Strathmore Hall Arts Center, North Bethesda, free and open to

to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

**August 24** .....

**NIH Clinical Center Grand Rounds: Community-based Health Initiatives: Science, Practice and Policy—Challenges in Community-based Health** by Cornelius Baker, Former Executive Director, Whitman-Walker Clinic, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to health care professionals. CME credit is available. For more information, call 301-496-2563 or visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/about/news/grcurrent.shtml>.

**August 31** .....

**NIH Clinical Center Grand Rounds: Compensation for Participation in Clinical Trials** by Christine Grady, R.N., Ph.D., NIH Clinical Center, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to health care professionals. CME credit is available. For more information, call 301-496-2563 or visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/about/news/grcurrent.shtml>.

**September**

**September 8** .....

**NHGRI Division of Intramural Research Seminar Series: Gail H. Javitt, J.D., M.P.H., Genetics and Public Policy Center, Phoebe R. Berman Bioethics Institute, Johns Hopkins University, 11 a.m.–noon, Main Conference Room, ground floor, Building 50, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For seminar titles and other details (as available), visit <http://www.genome.gov/10000480>.**

**September 19** .....

**NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: Encoding and Integration of Communication Signals by the Primate Prefrontal Cortex** by Elizabeth Romanski, Ph.D., University of Rochester, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit is available. For more information, call Peggy Rollins at 301-435-2232 or visit <http://neuroseries.info.nih.gov/schedule.asp>.

**September 22** .....

**NHGRI Division of Intramural Research Seminar Series: Taekjip Ha, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 11 a.m.–noon, Main Conference Room, ground floor, Building 50, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For seminar titles and other details (as available), visit <http://www.genome.gov/10000480>.**

**NIH History Day 2005 Lecture: “An Indescribable Experience”: NIH Researchers and the AIDS Epidemic, 1981–1990** by Victoria A. Harden, Ph.D., Office of NIH History & Stetten Museum, 11 a.m.–noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Brooke Fox at 301-496-6610 or visit [http://history.nih.gov/NIH\\_HistoryDay05.html](http://history.nih.gov/NIH_HistoryDay05.html).

**September 26** .....

**NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series: From Somnolence to Awareness in *Drosophila* (The Sublime to the Ridiculous)** by Ralph Greenspan, Ph.D., The Neurosciences Institute, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Peggy Rollins at 301-435-2232 or visit <http://neuroseries.info.nih.gov/schedule.asp>.

**September 29** .....

**NIH Director’s Pioneer Award Symposium:** The NIH Director’s Pioneer Award program is part of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research. The inaugural group of Pioneer Award recipients will speak on their research and participate in a roundtable. Announcement of the 2005 Pioneer Award recipients will also be featured. 8:15 a.m.–3 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Judith Greenberg, Ph.D., at 301-594-0943 or visit <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer/symposium2005/index.aspx>.

*\*Calendar items subject to change. Call to confirm your event.*

**OTHER NEWS & ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST**

**Suburban Hospital Offers Free Community Health Seminars**

Suburban Hospital is offering the public a series of free health seminars on various health and wellness topics, this month and next. Upcoming topics include joint and replacement surgery, nutrition, gastroesophageal reflux, cancer and more. The seminars take place at various locations and times throughout Montgomery County, Maryland. A tentative schedule of upcoming seminars is listed below. Advance registration is required as seating may be limited. For more information about these seminars or to register, call Suburban Hospital at 301-896-3939 and select option 1 for class registration.

**August 10**      **What’s the Latest with Joint Replacement Surgery?**  
1–2 p.m.      Suburban staff discuss the new joint program at the hospital and new techniques available to treat some of these conditions.  
*Friendship Heights Community Center, 4433 S. Park Avenue, Chevy Chase*

**August 18**      **You Are What You Eat\***  
1–2 p.m.      Join hospital experts as they review

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the new nutritional guidelines and food pyramid recommended by the government.

*Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville*

\*Call 240-314-8810 to register for this seminar.

**September 13 GERD Isn't Just "Something You Ate"**

6:30–7 p.m. (Registration)

7–8 p.m. (Seminar)

Learn about the facts and fiction associated with gastroesophageal reflux—why it occurs, how it is diagnosed and how it can be treated.

*Suburban Hospital, 8600 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda*

**September 14 Navigating the Maze of Cancer Information and Options**

1–2 p.m. Get help and ideas on how to prioritize your cancer care, what questions to ask your doctor, how to find good information on the Internet and whether a support group is right for you.

*Friendship Heights Community Center, 4433 S. Park Avenue, Chevy Chase*

**September 15 All You Ever Wanted To Know About Neuropathies\***

1–2 p.m. Learn about these changes in the peripheral nervous system, how this condition is treated and ways to avoid problems with loss of feeling.

*Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville*

\*Call 240-314-8810 to register for this seminar.

**September 20 Not All Health Information Is Created Equal**

1:15–2:15 p.m. This seminar provides the public with the tools they need to locate reliable health information on the Internet.

*Holiday Park Community Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton*

## TRY THIS WEBSITE

<http://www.ors.od.nih.gov/infoline/index.htm>

The NIH Office of Research Services (ORS) Information Line provides online visitors with a variety of information about the NIH campus in Bethesda. The site provides useful information on NIH campus security, parking and transportation and visitor information. Visitors to the site can learn about the new perimeter security fence, how to access the campus and its buildings, where to park including maps and how to use the free campus shuttle as well as access its schedule. The site also provides information on the current threat level and how that affects campus security, emergency preparedness information and phone numbers and links to campus emergency services. The site is easily navigated and provides a good deal of information in an easy format. There are also many links to additional resources and a newsletter with current information on relevant issues and concerns.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### HIV-Positive Volunteers Needed

Researchers with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH are looking for HIV-positive volunteers who are off anti-HIV medication to participate in a study. Participants should be between the ages of 18 and 65, have an HIV viral load of 1,000 copies/mL or more, a CD4+ T cell count of 350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or more and a CD4+ T cell count that has never been less than 200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>. Candidates must also be free from hepatitis B and C. All potential candidates will be screened with a complete medical history, a physical exam, blood and urine tests, chest X-ray and an electrocardiogram (EKG). Participants will be paid. For more information or to participate, call 1-800-411-1222, TTY: 1-866-1010 and refer to study number 05-I-0065.



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## Want to Quit Smoking?

As part of a smoking cessation research study sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, the department of psychology at American University is offering free group counseling for smokers who want to quit. The treatment includes meeting once a week for 90 minutes over a 2-month period.

Participants must be regular smokers over the age of 18 who are interested in quitting. For more information or to participate, call 202-885-1784.

## Perimenopause Study

Researchers with the National Institute of Mental Health are looking for healthy women between the ages of 40 to 50 to participate in longitudinal studies of perimenopause. Volunteers must have regular menstrual cycles and be medication free to participate. The study includes periodic hormonal evaluations, symptom ratings and occasional interviews. Compensation is provided to participants. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010.

## Smokers Needed for Nicotine Study

Are you a smoker between the ages of 18 and 50? If so, you may want to take part in an NIH research study in Baltimore. Researchers at the National Institute of Drug Abuse at NIH are conducting a

study that examines differences in the brains of light and heavy smokers. Volunteers who participate will be compensated and reimbursed for their travel expenses. For more information or to participate, call 1-888-OUR-BRAIN (1-888-687-2724) or send an e-mail to [ourbrain@intra.nida.nih.gov](mailto:ourbrain@intra.nida.nih.gov).



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