



To: Community Representatives

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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

In what has become an annual spring event, the March meeting of the Community Liaison Council (CLC) was devoted to a tour of the campus. This year's tour was led by Tony Clifford, Director, Division of Engineering Services, Office of Research Services. It rained—as it seems to do every year for the tour—but that did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the many CLC members who participated. Guided by a brochure of the campus construction projects, both ongoing and planned, the group also had an opportunity for a preview tour of the new Louis B. Stokes Consolidated Laboratory Building, otherwise known as Building 50. Frank Kutlak, Project Officer for the laboratory, gave each of us hard hats and then proceeded to lead us through the building. Among the highlights were the up-close views of interstitial space and a visit to and discussion of the magnetic resonance facility. All of the awards given to Frank and to this building for environmental management and laboratory excellence are well deserved!

Planning for the 2001 Community Health Forum, scheduled for October 27 at the Natcher Conference Center, is proceeding very well with the help of many community members and NIH staff who participated in two focus groups on the Forum. Aably led by Steve Kornblatt, neighbor and President of SDK Associates, the focus groups have provided me with a wonderful array of options and suggestions to guide us as we develop the program for the 2001 Forum. My thanks go to all of you who participated in the focus groups; we'll do our best to do justice to your good work.

## NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### Katie Couric to Receive NCI Award

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) will honor Katie Couric, co-anchor of NBC News' "Today," with its second annual Extraordinary

Communicators award on May 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Masur Auditorium of Building 10 on the NIH campus. Couric will present "The Power of Television" as part of the Eleanor Nealon Extraordinary Communicators Lecture Series.



Katie Couric

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The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, May 17, at 4 p.m.** in the Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, Conference Room A, on the NIH campus.

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Through her work on “Today,” as a contributing anchor for “Dateline NBC,” and as co-founder of the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance, Couric teaches millions of Americans that colon cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable. She will share how cancer has touched her family and describe her mission to promote colorectal cancer screening.

The Eleanor Nealon Extraordinary Communicators Lecture Series, which is free and open to the public, is a tribute to outstanding individuals who have advanced the science of communication or the communication of science through their professional or personal experiences. The Series honors Eleanor Nealon, a beloved NCI employee who displayed passion and persuasion in her communication and advocacy work until breast cancer claimed her life in 1999. For more information, visit <http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/excl>, call Linda Gaskill at 301-984-7191, or send an e-mail to [excl@matthewsgroup.com](mailto:excl@matthewsgroup.com). Sign language interpretation will be provided. For reasonable accommodations, contact Dawn Ford at 301-402-9686.

### NIH Launches Mercury Free Campaign

Last month, NIH launched its first NIH-wide voluntary pollution prevention initiative to improve awareness of mercury hazards and reduce mercury use in all NIH facilities. The “Mad as a Hatter?” Campaign for a Mercury Free NIH, sponsored by the Division of Safety (DS), Office of Research Services (ORS), asks that NIH staff pledge to identify sources of mercury in their work sites, investigate mercury free alternatives, and make substitutions when feasible.



The NIH campaign builds on the highly successful mercury reduction program conducted by the NIH Clinical Center (CC) in 1996 to eliminate all unnecessary uses of mercury in medical devices and laboratory chemicals. Nearly 1,500 mercury-containing devices were identified, removed, and replaced by new equipment, and today the CC is virtually mercury free. This new campaign not only covers mercury-containing devices and chemicals (thermometers, blood pressure cuffs, reagents, and a

wide array of laboratory apparatus), but it also concentrates on reducing mercury in electrical equipment such as switches, thermostats, fluorescent light bulbs, and batteries.

“For most uses of mercury, there are now effective substitutes and use of these alternatives is encouraged,” said Captain Ed Rau, Campaign Director, Environmental Protection Branch, DS, ORS. “So while we don’t have much mercury left at NIH, we want to have as little in use as possible. If released, even a little bit of mercury can cause a lot of pollution. The mercury from just one broken thermometer spilled indoors can slowly evaporate and contaminate the air in a room to a hazardous level.” Exposure to excessive levels can result in neurological disorders and death.

When Lewis Carroll selected a hat maker as the demented host of the tea party in the 1865 classic, *Alice in Wonderland*, he was probably unaware that the psychotic symptoms commonly observed in hatters were symptoms of mercury poisoning. Hatters of the time commonly exhibited psychotic symptoms, hence the expression “mad as a hatter.” In the mid-1800s, hat makers used hot solutions of mercuric nitrate to shape wool felt hats. They typically worked in poorly ventilated rooms, leading to chronic occupational exposure to mercury, neurological damage, and the hatters’ syndrome. Hence, NIH selected the Mad Hatter as the theme for its campaign.

NIH has established a Web site—<http://www.nih.gov/od/ors/ds/nomercury/>—to provide the public with an online library of references, links on mercury hazards, and tips on the prevention of mercury pollution.

### NIH Electronic Bulletin of Public Events

NIH has made it a little easier for members of the public to participate in its many public programs, events, and meetings. The *NIH Public Liaison News Bulletin* offers detailed information on NIH activities around the country that involve public participation and input. To subscribe to the Bulletin or obtain more information, call 301-496-4461 or visit <http://www.nih.gov/about/publicliaison/index.html>.

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## Virtual Book Available at NLM

Did you ever go to a historical exhibit and see a fascinating old book locked in a museum case? It was probably carefully propped open to display just two pages. Did you wish you could actually leaf through it? Now you can.

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) at NIH is hosting the first U.S. viewing of "Turning the Pages," a remarkable computer program developed at the British Library. The program uses touch screen technology, computer animation, and high-quality digitized images to simulate the action of turning the pages of a book. Besides looking at the beautiful drawings by moving a finger across the screen and moving forward or backward in the volume, the "reader" can touch an icon on each page and zoom in on any portion of a page as desired.

The first book that can be digitally browsed using this technology is Elizabeth Blackwell's *Curious Herbal*, published in the 1730s and notable for its beautiful illustrations of 30 medicinal plants ranging from the common dandelion to the tomato.

"Turning the Pages" is available to the public in the NLM Visitors Center in the lobby of the Lister Hill Center, Building 38A on the NIH campus, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 301-594-5983.

## Telemedicine—the Future of Health Care

An ambulance in Maryland relays real-time information and images to a trauma center while en route, allowing a stroke patient to receive vital care during a critical time known as the "golden hour." Parents of a premature baby in Boston can monitor their child in the hospital from their home and, using the same equipment, receive educational and emotional support from the hospital following the baby's discharge. In California, consumers can quickly access their private medical records via a secure Web site.

These are among the new developments in health care discussed at "Telemedicine and Telecommunications Options for the New Century," a recent

NLM symposium held at NIH in March. Telemedicine is not limited to online medical information and records, which is its most familiar form at present. Now, physicians and other care providers are beginning to observe, diagnose, and even treat patients through digital connections. NLM has funded 19 telemedicine research projects since 1993, many of which were highlighted at the symposium.

## New Tools to Combat Obesity

In March, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) released new guidelines for health care providers and the public on managing overweight and obesity. The *Practical Guide for the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults* includes sections on physical activity, dietary and behavioral therapy, and the appropriate use of weight-loss drugs. The guide and other useful materials, including an interactive menu planner, are available for free on the NHLBI's Aim for a Healthy Weight Web site at [http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/lose\\_wt/index.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/lose_wt/index.htm). A print copy of the guide costs \$5 and is available by calling the NHLBI Information Center at 301-592-8573. A consumer summary of the guide is also available from the Information Center for \$1.

## Housing Needed for Future Scientists

Every summer approximately 1,000 students from across the United States come to train on the NIH campus. Starting in May or June, undergraduate, graduate, and professional students will need housing during their training. If you would like to help by renting a room to one of these future physicians and scientists, call the NIH Recreation & Welfare Association at 301-496-4600.

## NIH Blood Bank Needs Donations

The NIH Blood Bank continues to need blood donations. This month, O-positive donations are particularly needed. To make a donation, stop by the Department of Transfusion Medicine in Building 10, NIH Clinical Center, 1st floor, Room 1C713B, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. For more information or to make an appointment, call 301-496-1048.

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## Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Scheduled at NIH

Attention residents! Start saving your household hazardous waste for disposal at NIH from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2001**. Residents will have the opportunity to safely dispose of toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive waste that is commonly used or stored in the home, garage, or basement. Examples of items to bring include liquid oil, latex paint, thinners, solvents, pesticides, fuels, swimming pool chemicals, photographic chemicals, brake fluid, car batteries, nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd) batteries, and mercury button batteries. Used oil and antifreeze will also be accepted. County officials will pick up these materials in Parking Lot 31H at the corner of Rockville Pike and Wilson Drive. Residents should enter the campus on Wilson Drive and turn right into the parking lot. A county volunteer will provide assistance on your arrival. For more information, call the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) at 301-840-2370 or the Recycling Hotline at 301-590-0046 (between 1 and 4 p.m.). Additional information is available on the DSWS Web site at <http://www.dpwt.com>.

## Spring Research Festival in Frederick

Join the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for the fifth annual NCI-Frederick/Ft. Detrick Spring Research Festival, which will take place May 16–17, 2001, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival, which is free and open to the public, features a health fair, exhibits, and lectures designed to demonstrate the wide range of biomedical research activities carried out at Ft. Detrick and NCI-Frederick.

Sponsored by NCI-Frederick and U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Ft. Detrick, the festival will take place in a large tent on the Blue and Gray Parade Field, just inside the 7th Street entrance to Ft. Detrick in Frederick, Maryland. For additional information or directions, call 301-846-1995 or visit <http://www.ncifcrf.gov/conference/2001springfest/geninfo.html>.

## Broadway Comes to Bethesda

For three weekends this month the Bethesda Little Theatre (BLT) presents *A Century of Broadway*, an original revue spotlighting great moments from Broadway's first 100 years, in Building 10's Masur Auditorium on the NIH campus. Performances, which are held on May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m. and on May 6 and 13 at 3 p.m., will raise money to support NIH charities. Proceeds from performances are donated to the NIH Patient Emergency Fund, which enables NIH patients' families to meet any unexpected expenses incurred during their stay. BLT also makes donations to Camp Funshine, a camp for children with AIDS. Shows are free for Clinical Center patients. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children 12 and under. For tickets or more information, call Elaine Hughes at 301-589-0720.

## Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Festival



Asian dancers of 2000

The 29th annual NIH Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Festival will take place May 11 and May 25 on the NIH campus. On May 11, on the patio of Building 31A from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., community members

can enjoy food from China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Thailand. Asian arts and crafts, including calligraphy, Japanese flower arrangement (Ikebana), and a Japanese tea ceremony, will also be demonstrated. On May 25 a program of Asian music and dance will be held in the Masur Auditorium, Building 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The evening will include performances of Balinese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, and Indian music and dance. A reception in the NIH Visitor Information Center will follow the program. Both the program and the reception are free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and will be offered on a first come, first seated basis. For further information, call Victor Fung at 301-435-3504.

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## NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May 2

**WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *Paying for Care of Older Relatives Part I: Original Medicare*, noon–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C Wing, Building 31, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

### May 3

**WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *The Basics of Balancing Work and Family*, 12:30–2 p.m., Conference Room D, Neuroscience Conference Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

### May 4

**Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Physical and Biological Sciences at New Limits* by Ahmed H. Zewail, Ph.D., California Institute of Technology, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit available. For more information on this special Friday lecture, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

### May 7

**2000-2001 Human Genome Lecture Series:** *Comparative Genomics: Using Mice to Understand Ourselves* by Dr. Deanna Church, National Center for Biotechnology Information, and *Gene Finding in Mammals Using the Pufferfish Genome Sequence* by Dr. Jean Weissenbach, Genoscope, 10 a.m.–noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-7531.

### May 8

**WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *Paying for Care of Older Relatives Part II: Additional Options*, noon–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C Wing, Building 31, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

### May 9

**Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Buried Alive! The Concept of Race in Science* by Troy Duster, Ph.D., New York University and University of California, Berkeley, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

### May 14

**Manchester String Quartet Concert:** *Shostakovich Quartet #10, Opus 118*, 12:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more details, call Sharon Greenwell at 301-496-1776.

### May 16

**WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *Preparing KSA Statements for a Federal Career*, noon–2 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C Wing, Building 31, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

**National Library of Medicine (NLM) History of Medicine Seminar Series:** *Mad Dog Excitement in 19th Century Massachusetts: A Case Study of Rabies Before Pasteur* by Dr. Philip Teigen, NLM, 2–3:15 p.m., Conference Room G, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-8878.

**Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Welfare, Children, and Families: The Impact of Welfare Reform in the New Economy* by William J. Wilson, Ph.D., Harvard University, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

### May 20

**Cinema Bethesda:** *A Chef in Love*, a film set during the Communist takeover of Georgia in the 1920s, followed by discussion, 5:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, \$12. For more information, call Beverly Zeidenberg at 301-365-3679.

### May 22

**Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *The Ethics of Clinical Trials* by Marcia Angell, M.D., Harvard Medical School, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit available. For more information about this special Tuesday lecture, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

### May 23

**Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *In Utero Bone Marrow Transplantation* by Karin Blakemore, M.D., Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

**WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *Stop Putting It Off!*, noon–1:30 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

### May 25

**NIH Director's Seminar Series:** *The Architecture of Cell Signaling: Lessons from a Mast Cell* by Dr. Juan Rivera, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, noon–1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH. Free

and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-1921.

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**Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Visualizing T Cell Recognition* by Mark M. Davis, Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH. Free and open to the public. CME credit available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

**WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series:** *Bringing Balance to Our Fragmented Lives*, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C Wing, Building 31, NIH. Free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

## OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

### Audubon Nature Fair Odyssey

Experience all of spring's wonders and join in a day of activities for the entire family at the Audubon Naturalist Society's (ANS) nature fair at the ANS Woodend Preserve on Sunday, May 6, 2001, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Featured at this year's event are noted bird experts Donald and Lillian Stokes, who will discuss and autograph their *Field Guide to Birds*. Fair-goers can take woodland walks exploring the 40-acre Woodend Preserve, visit more than 30 juried artisans selling handmade nature crafts, and eat good food while listening to musical entertainers. Kids will enjoy meeting "Incredible Insects," visiting the sanctuary pond, and making their own nature crafts.

The ANS Woodend Preserve is located at 8940 Jones Mill Road in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and the fair will take place rain or shine. Because on-site parking is limited, a free parking shuttle bus will operate from Metro's Medical Center Station at NIH and from North Chevy Chase Elementary School on Jones Bridge Road from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Visitors who ride their bikes to the nature fair will receive \$1 off the price of admission. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and younger, and free for children under 2. For more information, call 301-652-9188 or visit the ANS Web site at <http://www.audubonnaturalist.org>.

### A Day at the Races for Suburban Hospital

Horse racing fans won't want to miss the 49th annual running of the Potomac Hunt Races on Sunday, May 20 from noon to 5 p.m. at Austin Kiplinger's Bittersweet Field in Seneca, Maryland. This event, which features both world-class steeplechase racing and a day in the country for spectators of all ages, benefits Suburban Hospital's Emergency and Shock Trauma Center. Spectators will enjoy exciting races throughout the day, and children can take advantage of pony rides, clowns, and moon bounces. General admission is \$20 per car and \$150 per car for rail-side passes. Bittersweet Field is located at the corner of River and Partnership roads. For more information or for tickets, call the Suburban Hospital Foundation at 301-896-3971.



Riders at the 2000 Potomac Hunt

### Flowers and Butterflies at Brookside

From May 12 to July 15, Brookside Gardens will feature a "Wings of Fancy" live butterfly show. In the enclosed South Conservatory, butterflies native to Maryland and North America will inhabit a colorful garden of host and nectar-bearing plants. All stages in the butterfly life cycle may appear, from eggs to caterpillars to chrysalides to adults. The show, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, will highlight the best annual plants for butterfly gardens.

Entrance to the butterfly show is \$3 per person over the age of 2. Brookside Gardens also features Saturday Walks at 2 p.m. on May 12 and 26. These guided tours are free and begin at the Visitors' Center. May is also the last month to see the "Garden Sculpture Show." Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Road in Wheaton, Maryland. For more information, call 301-949-8230.

## May Kicks Off Free Music Concerts

The Bethesda Urban Partnership kicks off the summer with a series of free concerts in downtown Bethesda this month, featuring jazz, Caribbean, ska, variety rock, variety dance, swing, and jump blues music.

- **Lunchtime and Evening Concerts: May 3, 10, 17, 23, and 31**

From noon to 2 p.m., lunchtime concerts are held each Thursday at the Bethesda Place Plaza, located at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Ave. Evening concerts are held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Veterans' Park at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk avenues. For a concert schedule or for more information, visit <http://www.bethesda.org/events/concerts.asp> or call 301-215-6660.

- **Dance Concerts: May 4 and 18**

On Friday, May 4 and 18 from 6 to 9 p.m., free dance concerts will be held at the Bethesda Metro Center Plaza. For more information, call 301-652-4988 or visit <http://www.bethesda.org/events/concerts.asp>.

In Kensington, two free concerts are being held at the Kensington Park Community Library.

- A Special Family Concert by the Rockville Brass Band on Wednesday, **May 9** at 7 p.m. will feature traditional, popular, marching, and show tunes.
- LaRopa Piano Quintet, part of the Music in the Library series, will perform a selection of chamber music on Wednesday, **May 23** at 7 p.m.

The library is located at 4201 Knowles Avenue. For more information, call 301-897-2211.

## Theatre Nominated for Seven Awards

Silver Spring's Round House Theatre has been nominated for seven Helen Hayes Awards, which honor the best theatrical productions and performances in the Greater Washington area. The awards will be presented in a gala ceremony at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, on May 7, 2001. The theater is located at 12210 Bushey Drive. For more information, call 301-933-1644 or visit <http://www.round-house.org>.

## Bethesda Children's Street Festival

Children are in for a treat on June 2. From noon to 4 p.m., the Bethesda Urban Partnership is once again hosting "Imagination Bethesda"—a free

children's street festival celebrating the arts. Attracting more than 9,000 people last year, this year's event will feature costumed characters, face painters, street performers, dance troupes, theater performances, and hands-on activities for children under 12. Kid-friendly businesses and nonprofit and educational organizations will also participate. For more information, call 301-215-6660.

## Festival Celebrates Caribbean Culture

The Magical Flavor Festival of East County, a free event celebrating the culture of the Caribbean islands, will be held on May 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the East County Community Center in Silver Spring, Maryland. Featured events include a "Genies of the Islands" parade with over 100 participants in costumes, island foods and crafts, children's games and activities, and steel band music. The center is located at 3310 Gateshead Manor Way. For more information and directions, call 301-572-7004.

## Bethesda Holds European Market

On Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Bethesda Urban Partnership will sponsor the Parisian-style "Bethesda Row European Market"—an open air market featuring interesting antiques, arts and crafts, great food, and lively entertainment in the downtown area of Bethesda. This free event will be held at the intersections of Woodmont and Bethesda avenues. For more information, call 301-215-6660 or visit <http://www.bethesda.org/events>.

## TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/>

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has redesigned its Web site. Among the features of the new site are an animated movie that illustrates NIDA's mission, a help section, a reorganization of features by target audience, and a current site map. As always, the Web site offers comprehensive information about commonly abused drugs, downloading or ordering NIDA publications, NIDA's research accomplishments and strategic plan, and testimony to Congress on drug abuse and addiction issues.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Children Needed for Uveitis/JRA Study

Doctors at NIH are investigating the safety and effectiveness of the drug etanercept (Enbrel®) against a placebo in the treatment of uveitis associated with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. All study participants will have the opportunity to be on the medication. Tests and medications are provided at no charge at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY: 1-866-411-1010).

### Crohn's Disease: Is It Disrupting Your Life?

If so, consider taking part in a study to test the safety and effectiveness of a potential new Crohn's

disease treatment against a placebo at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Study participants must be 18 years of age or older with moderate Crohn's symptoms. There is no charge for study-related testing or medicine. Call 1-800-411-1222 (TTY: 866-411-1010).

### Healthy Volunteers Needed for Dental Study

NIH doctors are seeking healthy volunteers between the ages of 40 and 60 to participate in a research study comparing absorption of drug levels to aid in the treatment of oral ulcers. Participants may be eligible if they are not taking any prescribed or over-the-counter drugs (except birth control), do not have oral ulcers or a chronic illness, and are not participating in any other research study at the same time. Participation involves three outpatient visits. Compensation is provided. Call 1-888-606-0220.

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