

OCL Update



To: Community Representatives

From: Janyce Hedetniemi, Director
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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

As you will read elsewhere, it was announced at the January 18 Community Liaison Council (CLC) meeting that NIH is no longer considering construction of a temporary contractor parking lot in the upper northwest corner of our campus. This issue, however, drew attention to NIH's transportation policies. Therefore, to raise awareness about the NIH Transportation Management Program, Ms. Stella Serras-Fiotes and Mr. Thomas Hayden, both of the NIH Office of Research Services (ORS), provided CLC members with an overview of NIH programs designed to reduce traffic flow on campus. It was an excellent presentation, and I felt it would be worthwhile to summarize it in my notes to you this month.

NIH developed its first transportation management plan in 1991 with the goal of promoting alternative commuting to NIH and providing adequate campus parking for employees. In its 1995 Master Plan, NIH dedicated a major portion of the Plan to transportation management. One of the Plan's goals was for NIH to reduce the minimum employee parking ratio over 20 years from 0.56 in 1995 to the National Capital Planning Commission's level of 0.5 and ultimately to 0.45 spaces per employee.

We are currently working on the 5-year update to the 1995 Master Plan, and we are on track to reach the goal of .45 spaces per employee. In 1995, NIH had 9,100 employee parking spaces (.56 per employee). Last year, that number was reduced to 8,450 spaces (.49), and this year NIH anticipates having 8,000 spaces (.45) with an increase of about 1,500 employees over the past 5 to 6 years. Much of this progress has been made possible through the following NIH initiatives, which have led to regional recognition of NIH as a leader among Federal agencies in transportation management.

- The NIH Transshare Program provides a monthly stipend to NIH employees who use public transportation and who give up campus parking permits. Currently, NIH has 2,440 participants in the program who receive up to \$65 per month. In 2002, this stipend will increase to \$100 per month.
- NIH currently has 325 registered carpools with about 700 participants, and 450 carpool parking spaces on campus. There are also 150 employees actively vanpooling in 10 registered vanpools.
- NIH provides a Ridefinders Network, a free service that attempts to locate employees living or working in the same geographical areas. The service ties into the Council of Government's Commuter Connections

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The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, March 15**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, Conference Room D on the NIH campus.

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Network and provides NIH employees with a listing of possible matches in two business days. In 2000, NIH processed more than 140 applications with a 35 to 40 percent success rate.

- NIH has an Employee Transportation Services Office, which works with other major employers in the area to develop alternative transportation solutions. Some successful efforts have resulted in the Ride-On Route 70, the Metro J-9 and Metro Smart Mover, and the Maryland Transit Authority Bus from Prince Georges County to Bethesda. This office also serves as a central source for information on carpooling, vanpooling, and obtaining information on all sources of public transportation.
- There are 525 bicycle racks and lockers on the campus, and many of the adjacent buildings offer shower facilities. In addition, NIH offers free bicycle registration for its employees.
- There is an excellent system of well-lit pedestrian-friendly sidewalks throughout the campus. There also are a number of "blue light" emergency phones around campus that connect to the Emergency Communications Center of the NIH Department of Public Safety.
- NIH leases 730 off-campus parking spaces for employees; 175 of these spaces are at Metro stops and are reserved for Transshare participants. The rest are connected to campus by an NIH shuttle.
- Finally, NIH has a fleet of more than 20 buses serving more than five lines with approximately 3,000 riders each day. Four bus lines are off-campus and one is on-campus. NIH also has two shuttle buses that transport employees around the campus and to the aforementioned parking/transit locations every 10 minutes.

I believe that this summary illustrates the degree to which NIH has effectively managed transportation. Moreover, we are continually looking for new and innovative ways to reduce the traffic flow on campus. For a copy of the presentation given at the CLC meeting, please contact my office.

My office has recently been involved in several other items that deserve attention. On February 4, 2001, the NIH Office of Community Liaison (OCL) co-sponsored the Women's Legislative Briefing 2001. In attendance and speaking throughout the day were experts on various legislative topics concerning women and families,

including Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, Senator Barbara Mikulski, and Congresswoman Connie Morella. An article on the day is included in this issue of the *OCL Update*. On February 4, OCL, the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association (R&W), and the NIH Federal Credit Union sponsored a presentation for employees and community members about the Maryland Prepaid College Trust Program, a state program designed to help Maryland residents pay for college. On February 10, OCL represented NIH at a local health fair, providing plenty of useful health information, and on February 13, I was honored to speak to the Bethesda Women's Club about the NIH.

We are currently gearing up for the [Montgomery County Women's Fair](#), which we are co-sponsoring. The fair will be held on March 31. Information about that event, which is an informative and fun time for all every year, is included in an insert to the *OCL Update*. I hope to see many of you there, and encourage you to let us know about your community events.

NIH Parking Lot Halted

As I have discussed in past issues and at meetings, NIH has been studying various options to help reduce construction costs for the new Clinical Research Center. A temporary parking lot was considered as a partial solution to reduce such costs but, after evaluating all options for cost control, NIH has determined that construction of such a lot does not provide sufficient benefit to warrant it as a viable option. In no small measure, we also valued the environmental and aesthetic value of the open space that would be displaced by a lot in the proposed location. Therefore, it was announced at the January 18 CLC meeting that NIH will not proceed with development of a temporary parking lot in the upper northwest corner of the campus.

I believe that the community members who kept us informed of their concerns regarding this proposed parking facility, and the NIH staff members who rigorously explored all options to the lot, testify to the importance and value of open communication between NIH and its neighbors. I thank all of you who contacted NIH, and I thank the engineers and planners, especially Ms. Serras-Fiotes and her colleagues at the ORS, for their diligence and responsiveness.

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NIH Gains New Center, New Director on Minority Health

The former NIH Office of Research on Minority Health has become the new National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD). On January 9, 2001, John Ruffin, Ph.D., was sworn in as the new center's director. NCMHD will continue the legacy of the NIH Office of Research on Minority Health, but as a center, it will have expanded authority to conduct and support research and training activities. "The NIH has made health disparities a budget priority and an area of emphasis," says Dr. Ruffin.

The goals of the NCMHD are:

- To assist in the development of an integrated national health research agenda, across disciplines, that reflects the current and emerging health needs of racial and ethnic minorities and other health disparity groups;
- To promote and facilitate the creation of a robust minority health research environment with sustained funding for a wide breadth of studies—basic, clinical, and population research; studies on the influences of health processes; and research on the societal, cultural, and environmental dimensions of health—all aimed at identifying potential risk factors for disparate health outcomes; and
- To promote, assist, and support research capacity building activities in the minority and medically underserved communities, focusing on research infrastructure development, faculty career development, and increasing the number of underrepresented minority students and students from health disparity groups with an interest in biomedical and bio-behavioral research careers.

Dr. Ruffin, who has served as NIH's associate director for research on minority health for the past 10 years, has committed his career to creating new opportunities and programs to improve minority health, and he brings more than 25 years of experience to the new center. "Dr. Ruffin's activities over the last decade with NIH have been outstanding,"

said NIH Acting Director Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D. "His interest in the study of health disparities has already led to important advances in the field."

A native of New Orleans, Dr. Ruffin received his bachelor's degree from Dillard University, then went on to earn a master's degree from Atlanta University, a Ph.D. from Kansas State University, and postdoctoral work at Harvard University.



OCL Director Janyce Hedetniemi (far left) joins local dignitaries at Women's Legislative Briefing.

NIH OCL Director Speaks at Women's Legislative Briefing

OCL Director Janyce Hedetniemi joined government officials last month to host the 21st Women's Legislative Briefing at NIH for an audience of approximately 500 people. The briefing, which was sponsored by the Montgomery County Commission for Women in conjunction with other Maryland counties, women's groups, and community organizations, discussed proposed state and federal legislation of interest to women. Hedetniemi participated in the opening ceremonies with County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski.

Ellen Malcolm, founder and president of EMILY's List—an organization dedicated to electing and supporting more women to public office—was the keynote speaker. Participants attended workshops and a reception with elected officials. Workshop topics included:

- Improving Women's Economic Well-Being;
- Keeping Women Safe;
- Strengthening Family and Children's Law;
- Protecting Women's and Children's Health;
- Lobbying Effectively for Women's Issues; and
- Ensuring Civil Rights.

National Eye Institute Names New Director

Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., has been appointed director of NIH's National Eye Institute (NEI). Dr. Sieving currently serves as the Paul R. Lichter Professor of Ophthalmic Genetics and as director of the Center for Retinal and Macular Degeneration at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center, Ann Arbor. He will begin his new role in late spring.



Dr. Paul A. Sieving

"I am delighted that Dr. Sieving will be assuming the directorship of the NEI," said NIH Acting Director Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D. "As the nation's population ages, blinding eye diseases will reach epidemic proportions. Dr. Sieving, as an internationally-recognized researcher and clinician, will provide dynamic leadership in our efforts to prevent blindness and visual loss."

As NEI's second director, Dr. Sieving will oversee a budget of more than \$500 million, a staff of 300 scientists and administrators, and approximately 1,600 research grants and training awards. With his own research background in the genetics of retinal and macular degeneration, Dr. Sieving will help support NEI research to better understand the eye and the visual system, sight-saving treatments, and reduced visual impairment.

"I look forward to working with the NEI staff, the vision research community, and the public to improve eye health for all and quality of life for those with vision impairments," said Dr. Sieving.

An honors graduate of Valparaiso University, he received a master's degree from Yale University, a medical degree from the University of Illinois Medical School, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois Graduate School. Listed as one of the "Best Doctors in America," Dr. Sieving has received numerous awards and honors, including the Senior Scientific Investigator Award from Research to Prevent Blindness.

NIH Announces Start of Mini-Med School

NIH has announced the schedule for its fourth Mini-Med School, which begins in April. This free 10-week lecture series, sponsored by the NIH Office of Science Education, puts the public in direct contact with NIH's leading scientists, who will teach the basics of biomedicine and research. A science or medical background is not necessary, because all speakers are experts at conveying their scientific knowledge to a lay audience. National Human Genome Research Institute Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., will be one of the many NIH teachers participating in the series. Students can learn about the same basic sciences taught to real medical students as well as the clinical medical issues facing the nation today. Topics for this year's program include anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology, immunology, mental illness, heart disease, cancer, HIV and other emerging infectious diseases, neuroscience, and genetics. Although no formal education credit is given, students who attend at least seven sessions will receive a Mini-Med School diploma. The course is held on consecutive Thursdays from April 5 to June 14 (no class on April 26) and is open to anyone with an interest in science or medicine. Space is limited to 500 registrants. Call 301-496-1727 to register or for more information.

Circus to Benefit NIH Charities

Surprise the kids and do a good deed by taking the kids to see the renowned Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. R&W has discounted tickets for Children's Premiere Night on Wednesday, March 21, 2001. The performance will be held at 7 p.m. at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., and proceeds will benefit the NIH charities, allowing children patients to attend the circus for free. Children who arrive by 6 p.m. with their tickets can participate in the *Three Ring Adventure*[®]—a behind-the-scenes look at the circus where kids can dress in show costumes, touch elephants, and perform in the clown pre-show. Discounted tickets are \$8 and \$15.50, depending on seating location. For more information or to purchase tickets, call R&W at 301-496-4600.

Orioles Tickets Available; Drawing for Opening Day

Baseball fans unite! Next month marks the beginning of baseball season, and R&W has several sets of season tickets, which are split up for individual games, for the Baltimore Orioles. On March 28, these tickets will be available for purchase by R&W members (requiring a yearly \$5 membership fee) beginning at 8 a.m. outside of the R&W gift shop in Building 31 on the NIH campus. Ticket prices vary on the basis of seat selection. In addition, R&W is offering a chance to win tickets to Opening Day on April 2, 2001 for \$2. On Friday, March 20, three pairs of tickets will be drawn at 2 p.m. at the Building 31 Activity Desk on the NIH campus. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-496-4600.

R&W Offers Tax Preparation Assistance

If you are like most people, you probably haven't completed your taxes yet. To make this process a little bit easier, R&W is sponsoring an income tax preparation service through an independent accounting firm. Now through April 5, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., the firm will provide the public with free half-hour consultations in Building 31 on the NIH campus. To schedule an appointment, call the R&W Activity Desk at 301-496-4600.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1

Office of Research on Women's Health Seminar Series: *Incontinence in Women* by Dr. Jeanette S. Brown, University of California San Francisco; Dr. O. Lenaine Westnet, University of Texas Health Center at Houston; Dr. Veronica Mallett, Oakwood Hospital, Michigan; and Dr. Kathryn Burgio, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1-3 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-1770.

March 6

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Communicating Effectively: Starting from Scratch*, 12:30-2:30 p.m., NSC Conference Room D, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

2000-2001 Bethesda Association for Women in Science Seminar Series: Strategies for Success in Science: *Science and Business: Working in Industry* by Cynthia Helphingstine, Ph.D., Biotron. Refreshments at 4:30 p.m., seminar at 5 p.m., Chapel, Building 60, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Dr. Marion Zatz at 301-594-2379.

March 7

2000-2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Neurogenesis and Regeneration in the Adult Nervous System* by Fred H. Gage, Ph.D., The Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 3-4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. Continuing medical education (CME) credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Fatherhood: The Most Important Job You'll Ever Have*, 12-1:30 p.m., Conference Room 6, 6th floor, C-wing, Building 31, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

March 11

FAES Chamber Music Series: *Concerto Soloists of Philadelphia with conductor/pianist Ignat Solzhenitsyn*, 4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, \$25 (\$10 for students/fellows), open to the public. For more information or for tickets, call 301-496-7975.

March 12

Manchester String Quartet Music Series: *Dvorak Quartet in G Major, Opus 106*, 12:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call Sharon Greenwell at 301-496-4713.

March 13

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Improving Your Skills as an Interviewee*, 11:30 a.m.-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.

March 14

2000-2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Signals Patterning the Vertebrate Embryo* by Clifford Tabin, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School, 3-4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

National Library of Medicine History of Medicine Seminar Series: *The Texas Longhorn and the Changing Milieu of Medicine, 1860 to 1900* by Dr. Olivia Walling, University of Minnesota, 2-3:15 p.m., Conference Room B, Building 38, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-402-8878.

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March 18

Foreign Movie Screening and Discussion: *Kolya*, foreign movie screening followed by discussion, Cinema Bethesda at NIH, 5:30 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH, \$12, open to public. For more information, call 301-365-3679.

March 21

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Modeling Cancer in the Mouse* by Tyler Jacks, Ph.D., MIT Center for Cancer Research, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Walking the Gauntlet: Coping with Life Transitions, Part I (The Challenge of Personal Change Through the Life Cycle)*, 12–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 6, 6th floor, C-wing, Building 31, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 301-435-1619.

March 23

2000–2001 NIH Director’s Seminar Series: *The Signal Recognition Particle Protein Targeting Pathway from Mycoplasma to Man* by Dr. Harris D. Bernstein, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, NIH, noon–1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-496-1921.

March 25

FAES Chamber Music Series: *Daniele Pollini, piano*, 4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, \$25 (\$10 for students/fellows), open to the public. For more information or for tickets, call 301-496-7975.

March 28

2000–2001 Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series: *Cell-Cell Adhesion and the Development of Epithelial Cell Polarity* by W. James Nelson, Ph.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595.

March 29

WFLC Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series: *Estate Planning II*, 2–4 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.

March 30

NIH Federal Credit Union Financial Seminar: *IRAs*, 12:30–1:30 p.m., Conference Room 10, 6th floor, C-wing, Building 31, NIH, free and open to the public. Reservations are required. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 301-718-4715.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

County’s Libraries to Benefit from Chevy Chase Resident’s Donation

Over the next 10 years, Montgomery County libraries will benefit from more than \$650,000 in unexpected funding thanks to a generous bequest from former Chevy Chase resident and library patron Lawrence J. Bloch. Bloch, who was a career government employee that spent more than 20 years in the Chief Accountant’s Office with the Securities and Exchange Commission, became active with the Institute for Learning in Retirement and supported many local causes during his retirement. County officials said the endowment, which will be managed by the Friends of the Library (FOL), is the largest in the history of the local organization. “Mr. Bloch valued his books and music and appreciated and used the public libraries,” said FOL President Susan Schmidt. “This substantial bequest will enable the Friends to plan for the future and make available a larger source of funding to further libraries’ individual needs.” Department of Public Libraries Director Harriett Henderson added that the gift comes as the library system celebrates its 50th anniversary.

New Play Opens at Roundhouse

Crumbs from the Table of Joy, a complex new play set against the racial and social divides of America in the 1950s, opens this month at the Roundhouse Theatre in Silver Spring, Maryland. The play, whose title comes from a line in a Langston Hughes’ poem, looks at a Brooklyn household of an African-American widower and two daughters exploring racial discrimination, sexual freedom, communism, and the devotion to religious fanaticism. Heralded as a cross between the works of Tennessee Williams (*The Glass Menagerie*) and Lorraine Hansberry (*A Raisin in the Sun*), the play runs from March 14 to April 8. Show times are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets range from \$10 to \$28. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-933-1644.

County Offers March Cultural Events

Montgomery County plays host to a wide variety of arts and cultural events this month. Listed below are some of the events happening in the area. Events are subject to change.

March 10

Genealogy Workshop: Organizing Your Records, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., Montgomery County Historical Society, Beall-Dawson House, 103 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, \$20. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 301-340-2825.

March 12

Music Concert: Eine Kleine Tikvah, Klezmer band performs upbeat music in Eastern European Jewish tradition, 7 p.m., Kensington Park Community Library, 4201 Knowles Ave., Kensington, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-897-2211.

March 13

Library Talk with Music: National Symphony Orchestra docent Frederick Blachly will discuss Robert Schumann, 12:15 p.m., Bethesda Regional Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-925-7203.

March 16

Music in the Mansion Concert Series: Jean & Kenneth Wentworth, piano, 8 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, \$20. For more information, call 301-530-0540.

March 19–30

Youth Art Exhibit, a creative display of talent by Montgomery County students in grades K–12, reception from 7–8 p.m. on March 19, viewing hours 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. (Mon.–Thurs.), 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. (Fri.), Montgomery County Recreation Department Administrative Offices, 12210 Bushey Drive, Silver Spring. For more information, call 240-777-6821.

March 20

Music Concert: Walter Johnson High School Tri-M Music Honor Society, 7 p.m., Davis Community Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-897-2200.

March 23

Music in the Mansion Concert Series: Janice Martin, violin, 8 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, \$20. For more information, call 301-530-0540.

March 24

Genealogy Workshop: Recording and Evaluating Evidence, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., Montgomery County Historical Society, Beall-Dawson House, 103 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, \$20. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 301-340-2825.

Montgomery County National History Day Competition, featuring student exhibits and performances grades 6–12, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Montgomery County Historical Society, Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Road, Rockville. For more information or to volunteer as a judge, call Emily Correll at 301-340-2825.

March 25

Bethesda Chase 10K, race for all ages through the streets of Bethesda, 8 a.m., Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, 7600 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda, \$17 pre-registration or \$20 registration on race day. For more information, call 240-777-6821.

March 30

Music in the Mansion Concert Series: Kaboff & Clark Duo, cello & piano, 8 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, \$20. For more information, call 301-530-0540.

Brookside Gardens Holds Flower Events

If you love flowers, then you won't want to miss some of Brookside Gardens' free upcoming events. On the weekend of March 17 and 18, visitors will have the opportunity to view, purchase, and learn how to care for all types of orchids during Brookside's Orchid Festival Weekend. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Visitors Center, the festival will include additional free programs on orchids. On the following weekend, March 24 and 25, a camellia show and sale will be featured in the Visitor's Center, and on Saturday, March 31st, Brookside visitors can attend a lecture and demonstration on caring for roses in the spring from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Visitors Center Adult Classroom. The rose lecture will discuss soil preparation, disease prevention, and maintenance tips and will be followed by a pruning demonstration. Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Avenue in Wheaton, Maryland. For more information, call 301-949-8230.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:
<http://www.vrc.nih.gov>

The relatively new Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center (VRC) recently launched its new Web site. The center is a unique venture within the NIH intramural research program to facilitate research in vaccine development. Jointly funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Cancer Institute, the VRC Web site provides visitors with information about the purpose of the center, current news and events related to vaccine research, clinical studies in vaccine research, employment opportunities, and more. The site also lists information on current vaccine-related seminars.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pain Relief Study for Women with Endometriosis

NIH doctors are conducting a study to determine if raloxifene reduces pain from endometriosis. Surgical treatment is combined with either raloxifene or a placebo. Offering a “whole person” approach to healing, the study will take place at the NIH Clinical Center on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222.

Individuals with Jaw Pain or TMD Sought

Doctors at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research seek people between the ages of 18 and 65 with early onset or later stage temporomandibular disorders (TMD) for a study testing pain relief medications against placebo. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222.

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