

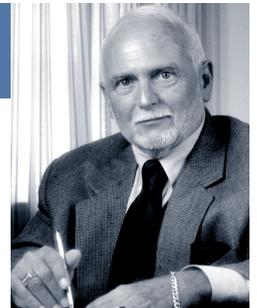
To: Community Representatives

From: Thomas Gallagher, Ph.D., Director  
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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

**O**n the afternoon of January 15th, infectious disease expert Dr. Murray L. Cohen, an independent consultant who helped draft the Building 33 risk assessment for NIH, spoke with the NIH Community Liaison Council (CLC) and answered questions about the risk assessment process and results. Dr. Cohen, who is a former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) scientist and currently president of Consultants in Disease and Injury Control, an Atlanta-based company, said "In the world since 9/11 the incredible is what we have to be planning for...so we investigated all risk possibilities." Dr. Cohen's comment was an explanation of why the risk assessment was so far reaching and thorough. Rather than investigate only "Maximum Credible Events," (those events that could credibly happen in a laboratory), his study more closely approached a "Maximum Possible Risk" approach (a raised level of inquiry that considered all the unthinkable events that could conceivably happen).



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The methodology of the Building 33 risk assessment was straight forward. The risk assessment considered an incremental series of worst-case scenarios. The assessment methodology, simply stated, was to model a series of events such as the accidental dropping of a significant quantity of anthrax in a laboratory and then adding incremental levels of additional complications such as electrical and filtration failure within the building, exploding bombs, TOW missile attacks and so forth until the level of inquiry addressed every potential danger that had been questioned by the community. There was general agreement among the CLC members present that Dr. Cohen's risk assessment analysis made a compelling case for the safety of Building 33 and the surrounding community.

However, several CLC members stated that they still would prefer that the new laboratory building not be built on the Bethesda campus. The primary reason they gave was the feeling that an additional laboratory would increase the target value of the NIH for potential terrorists. That, of course, is hard to assess. On the surface it appears that terrorists choose targets that are easily accessible and highly symbolic. NIH is neither. The general thinking in the security community is that terrorists also seek targets which, when attacked, accomplish three primary goals: severe economic disruption, wide-scale panic and terror, and maximum death tolls. Under that model, the NIH would again not rank highly as a target. Few CLC members disagreed

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The Community Liaison Council will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, February 19, at 4 p.m.**, in Conference Room E, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45 on the NIH campus.

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with this assessment, but the post-9/11 world leaves none of us feeling overly secure. Fear for the safety of our families and friends dominates most of our thinking. On the other hand, the ongoing threat of infectious disease and the lives that can be spared and suffering that can be prevented by Building 33 research make a compelling case for its construction.

My personal opinion is that the Building 33 risk assessment was a valuable collaboration between NIH and the community. I want to personally thank the risk assessment community representatives: Ginny Miller, Ralph Schofer and Dr. Alan Goldhammer. They brought significant intelligence and skepticism to the assessment. They asked the difficult questions and then questioned the answers. I also want to thank Dr. Deborah Wilson and her entire NIH safety team. For my part, I was just proud to be associated with everyone involved.

## NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### NIH To Hold Premier Health and Fitness Expo in April

The NIH Office of Community Liaison wants you to catch the health and fitness craze! Bring your family and friends to our fifth annual FREE health and fitness exposition, *Share the Health*, on Saturday, **April 24, 2004**, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Montgomery Blair High School, in Silver Spring. People of all ages can learn, experience and discover new ways to maintain or improve their overall health and level of fitness. Attend interactive health seminars, parenting workshops and sports clinics; collect a wealth of health information; give the kids a chance to be NIH scientists for the day during mini-lab sessions; get your blood pressure checked; take part in the 2004 NIH Healthy Games; surf health-based Web sites; tour rescue vehicles and enjoy many more fun health- and fitness-based activities. This year's *Share the Health* will take place at Montgomery Blair High School, 51 University Boulevard, in Silver Spring. Be sure to save the date and plan to attend this important and fun health event. For more information, visit <http://sharethehealth.od.nih.gov> or call Jill George at Palladian Partners at 301-650-8660.



### NIH-Funded Study Shows Young Adult Fitness Protects Heart Health in Middle Age

Young adults who participate in ongoing moderately intense physical activity are less likely to develop high blood pressure and diabetes—both major risk factors for heart disease and stroke—in their middle age, according to a new study supported by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at NIH. The research findings, which appear in the December 17, 2003, issue of *JAMA*, are the first to look at the role of fitness on healthy young adults' development of heart disease risk factors. Prior studies had only examined the relationship between fitness and death from heart disease and stroke.

"This study underscores the importance of both fitness and maintaining a healthy weight in the fight against heart disease and stroke and their risk factors," explained NHLBI Acting Director Barbara Alving, M.D. "Americans need to become physically active early in life and continue to be active as they age in order to remain as healthy as possible."

Heart disease and stroke are the first and third leading causes of death for Americans. Nearly 13 million Americans have heart disease and nearly 5 million have had a stroke.

The study was conducted by researchers at Northwestern University in Chicago, Nemours Cardiac Center in Wilmington, Delaware, the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, California, the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in Minneapolis and the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

"Americans don't have to run marathons to improve their physical fitness," said Cheryl Nelson, NHLBI Project Officer for the study. "They should try to engage in at least 30 minutes of a moderate-intensity physical activity such as brisk walking on most and, preferably, all days of the week. Being physically active will not only improve their fitness but also help them maintain a healthy weight, which in turn will protect their heart health."

For more information on heart health, visit NHLBI's Web site at <http://nhlbi.nih.gov>.

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## February Brings Free Workshops from Faces and Phases of Life

The NIH Work/Life Center is once again offering its free personal and professional development seminar series, now through April. The Faces and Phases of Life Seminar Series offers weekly workshops on the NIH campus and is open to the public. To attend, register in advance by calling 301-435-1619 as space may be limited. February's schedule of seminars is listed below. For a complete schedule, visit <http://wlc.od.nih.gov/faces.asp#spring>.

### February 3, noon–1 p.m.

#### Manage Your Energy, Not Just Your Time

*Learn how to conserve and increase your energy so that you have the resources you need to tackle issues that put you in a time bind.*

Building 31, C wing, 6th Floor,  
Conference Room 10, NIH campus

### February 10, noon–2 p.m.

#### The Career Management Cycle

*This seminar analyzes a comprehensive model of career planning that will help you understand where you are now, where you want to go and how you get there.*

Building 31, C wing, 6th Floor,  
Conference Room 10, NIH campus

### February 19, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

#### Identity Theft

*This session shows you how to reduce your vulnerability, how to protect your elderly loved ones and how to recover a stolen identity if you are a victim.*

Building 50, Room 1227/1233, NIH campus

### February 25, noon–1:30 p.m.

#### How Children Think

*Learn how children develop thinking and reasoning processes, and explore better strategies for better family communication.*

Building 31, C wing, 6th Floor,  
Conference Room 10, NIH campus

## NHLBI Study Finds Hostility, Impatience Increase Hypertension Risk

If you are frequently impatient or get easily angered, you may be increasing your risk for high blood pressure, according to a new NIH study.

Impatience and hostility—two hallmarks of the “type A” behavior pattern—increase young adults’ long-term risk of developing high blood pressure, according to a study funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). In addition, the more intense the behaviors, the greater the risk; however, other psychological and social factors, such as competitiveness, depression and anxiety did not increase hypertension risk.

The research, which appeared in the October 22/29, 2003, issue of *JAMA*, was conducted by scientists at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

This research is the first prospective study to examine, as a group, the effects of key type A behaviors, depression and anxiety on the long-term risk for high blood pressure. Earlier studies had looked mostly at individual psychological and social behaviors, and found conflicting results.

“The notion that a ‘type-A’ behavior pattern is ‘bad’ for your health has been around for many years,” according to NHLBI Acting Director Dr. Barbara Alving. “This study helps us understand which aspects of that behavior pattern may be unhealthy.”

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a major risk factor for heart disease, kidney disease and congestive heart failure, and the chief risk factor for stroke. Normal blood pressure is defined as systolic pressure of less than 120 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg) and diastolic pressure of less than 80 mm Hg. Hypertension is systolic pressure of 140 mm Hg or higher, or diastolic pressure of 90 mm Hg or higher.

About 50 million Americans—one in four adults—have high blood pressure and its prevalence increases sharply with age. The condition affects about 3 percent of those ages 18–24 and about 70 percent of those 75 and older.

“Although high blood pressure is less common among young adults, young adulthood and early middle age is a critical period for the development

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of hypertension and other risk factors for heart disease,” said lead author Lijing L. Yan, Ph.D., M.P.H., research assistant professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University. “Previous research on young adults is limited, and our study helps to fill that gap.”

### **NIH Recreation and Welfare Association Offers Discounted Event Tickets**

The NIH Recreation and Welfare Association (R&W) has a variety of discounted tickets available for sporting events, kids’ events, skiing, movies and attractions. A \$7 membership fee allows all members of the public the opportunity to receive savings on events such as the 133rd Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus, the Wizards basketball team, U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam, the Harlem Globetrotters, Champions on Ice figure skating, snow tubing and more. Upcoming events in February and March are listed below. For more information, to buy tickets or to become an R&W member, call 301-496-4600. R&W membership is open to the public.

**February 7, 11:30 a.m.; February 8, 1 p.m.**

*Disney’s Jungle Adventures on Ice*  
1st Mariner Arena, Baltimore

**February 14, 3 p.m.; February 15, 1 p.m.**

*Disney’s Jungle Adventures on Ice*  
MCI Center, Washington, DC

**February 22, 6 p.m.**

*Washington Wizards ½-Price Game vs. Milwaukee*  
MCI Center, Washington, DC

**February 29, 2 p.m.**

*U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam*  
1st Mariner Arena, Baltimore

**March 20, noon**

*Harlem Globetrotters*  
MCI Center, Washington, DC

**March 24, TBA**

*Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus*  
MCI Center, Washington, DC

**March 27, 7:30 p.m.**

*Stars on Ice*  
1st Mariner Arena, Baltimore

### **NICHD Funds National Research Effort To Determine Causes of Stillbirth**

The National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) at NIH recently began a concerted effort to determine the extent and causes of stillbirth—the death of a fetus at 20 or more weeks of pregnancy. Each year, more than 26,000 American women are reported to experience a stillbirth.

NICHD awarded nearly \$3 million to fund the Stillbirth Research Collaborative Network—a network of five research centers around the country and an independent data center to collect and analyze statistics on stillbirth. This five-year research project aims to design studies to determine the causes of stillbirth and to develop standardized research guidelines for reporting and investigating stillbirths.

The number of reported deaths from stillbirth is equal to that of all infant deaths combined. Some causes of stillbirth are known, such as diabetes or high blood pressure affecting the mother. However, the cause of more than half of all stillbirths is unknown.

“Parents who suffer the loss of a fetus are often desperate for information about the cause,” said Catherine Spong, M.D., chief of NICHD’s Pregnancy and Perinatology Branch. “We hope this research will give us better information about stillbirth and its causes.”

Network research locations include the Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island in Providence; the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio; the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; the University of Utah in Salt Lake City; Emory University in Atlanta and the statistical center at Research Triangle Institute in Raleigh, North Carolina.

### **NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

**February 4 . . . . .**

**NIH Director’s Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:**  
*Immune Control of HIV: Virus Variability and Vaccine Design*  
by Andrew J. McMichael, M.B., Ph.D., F.R.S., Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, University of Oxford, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Continuing medical education

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(CME) credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/schedule.htm>.

**February 9** .....

**NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series:** *Molecular Characterization of Transduction by Hair Cells in the Inner Ear* by Peter Gillespie, Ph.D., Oregon Hearing Research Center & Vollum Institute, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit is offered. For more information, call Peggy Whittingham at 301-435-2232 or visit <http://neuroseries.info.nih.gov/schedule.asp>.

**Manchester String Quartet Concert Series:** *Barber Quartet, opus 11, Janacek Quartet #2 "Intimate Letters,"* 12:30 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Sharon Greenwell at 301-496-4713.

**February 11** .....

**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Greater Potency of Adult Stem Cells* by Catherine M. Verfaillie, M.D., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/schedule.htm>.

**February 15** .....

**Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) Music Series:** *The Takacs String Quartet*, 4 p.m., Landon School Mondzac Performing Arts Center, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, \$25. For more information, call 301-496-7976 or visit <http://www.faes.org/music.htm>.

**February 18** .....

**NLM History of Medicine Seminars for 2004:** *The Obstetrical Career of a Boston Physician: Walter Channing, 1786–1876* by Dr. Amalie Kass, 2–3:15 p.m., Lister Hill Auditorium, Building 38A, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division at 301-594-5983 or visit [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/seminars\\_2004.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/seminars_2004.html).

**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *Neural & Psychological Basis of Compulsive Drug Seeking: Implications for Treatment* by Barry J. Everitt, Ph.D., University of Cambridge, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/schedule.htm>.

**Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Lecture Series:** *Transfers to Women and Child Health Outcomes* by Esther Duflo, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology,

3–4 p.m., Room C, Neuroscience Building, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, free and open to the public. For more information, call Ronald Abeles at 301-496-7859 or visit [http://obssr.od.nih.gov/bssrcc/BSSRLectures\\_Winter04.htm](http://obssr.od.nih.gov/bssrcc/BSSRLectures_Winter04.htm).

**February 20** .....

**NIH Director's Seminar Series:** *New Data on the Human Health Effects of DDT* by Matthew Longnecker, Ph.D., National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH, noon–1 p.m., Wilson Hall, Building 1, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information, call Colleen Crone at 301-496-1921 or visit <http://www.nih.gov/about/director/dirsem.htm>.

**February 23** .....

**NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series:** *Imaging Synaptic Plasticity In Vivo* by Karel Svoboda, Ph.D., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, noon–1 p.m., Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit is offered. For more information, call Peggy Whittingham at 301-435-2232 or visit <http://neuroseries.info.nih.gov/schedule.asp>.

**February 24** .....

**Bethesda Association for Women in Science Networking for Career Success:** *Women in Science: The Ceiling Is Breaking but Watch Out for Falling Glass* by Margaret Chesney, Ph.D., National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, NIH, 4:30–6 p.m., The Chapel, The Cloister, 1 Cloister Court, NIH campus. For more information, call Dr. Christine Goertz at 703-535-6752 or visit <http://www.awisbethesda.org/>.

**February 25** .....

**NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series:** *How Viruses Enter Their Host Cells* by Ari Helenius, Ph.D., Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zürich, 3–4 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. CME credit is available. For more information, call Hilda Madine at 301-594-5595 or visit <http://www1.od.nih.gov/wals/schedule.htm>.

**February 27** .....

**NIH Clinical Center Director's Annual Address and Awards Ceremony** by John I. Gallin, M.D., NIH Clinical Center, 1–3 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus. For more information, call Wendy Schubert at 301-594-5792.

**February 29** .....

**Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) Music Series:** *Louis Lorie, piano*, 4 p.m., Landon School Mondzac Performing Arts Center, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, \$25. For more information, call 301-496-7976 or visit <http://www.faes.org/music.htm>.

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

## OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

### Rockville Hosts East Coast Jazz Festival

Jazz lovers won't want to miss one of the area's favorite music festivals—the 13th Annual Fish Middleton Jazz Scholarship Fund, Inc. (FMJS) East Coast Jazz Festival. On February 11–16, 2004, all types of jazz music will fill the DoubleTree Hotel and Walter Johnson High School in Rockville. With more than 86 free events open to the public, the festival offers a good time for everyone. Featured events include performances by professional and emerging jazz artists, school bands and dance troupes; public workshops and seminars; the FMJS jazz competition; exhibits and nightly jam sessions. The festival and scholarship competition are held in honor of Elmore "Fish" Middleton, a Washington, D.C., jazz radio programmer who supported emerging artists. While many activities are free, some require tickets. Ticket prices vary depending on show selection. For more information about the festival or for ticket information, visit <http://www.fmjseastcoastjazz.com> or call 301-933-1822.



### Silver Spring Library Presents African American Film Series

The Silver Spring Library kicks off a free African American Film Series this month. The series, sponsored by the Silver Spring African American Book Group, brings together a unique group of films in honor of African Americans. Films are shown on select Tuesdays at 7 p.m. now through April. The tentative schedule for February is listed below:

#### February 3

*Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads* (1983, 60 min) by Spike Lee. *Spike Lee's rarely seen first independent film features a suspenseful tale set in Brooklyn's inner city.*

#### February 17

*Strange Fruit* (2002, 57 min) by Joe Katz. *This film explores the legacy of the powerful Billie Holiday*

*anti-lynching classic and reveals the dramatic story of one of the most radical and influential protest songs ever written.*

#### February 24

*Always for Pleasure* (1978, 58 min) by Les Blank. *This film offers an intense and colorful portrait of New Orleans street celebrations from the inside out, exploring black cultural traditions in Louisiana in preparation of Mardi Gras.*

The Silver Spring Library is located at 8901 Colesville Road. For more information, call 301-565-7689.

### Holy Cross Hospital Holds Forum on Men's Health Issues in March

Holy Cross Hospital is sponsoring a free health event for men and their families to discuss men's health issues on Thursday, March 4, 2004. The event takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Silver Spring. Topics to be addressed at the forum include:

- Tough Guys or Big Babies? How Real Men Deal With Pain
- Prostate Cancer
- Sleep Apnea
- Body Maintenance for the Mature Man (Exercise)
- Heart Disease

The event includes light dinner and takes place in the Lincoln Room at the Holiday Inn on 8777 Georgia Avenue. For more information or to register, call 301-754-8800.

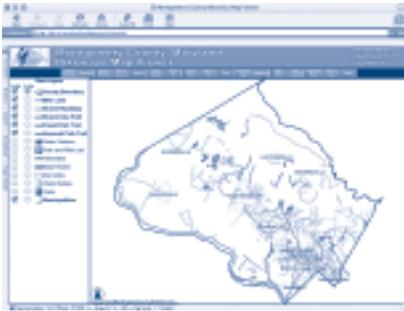
### Children's Festival Planned at White Flint Mall

Join young painters, sculptors, musicians and dancers at the Discover Strathmore Festival on Monday, February 16 at White Flint Mall in North Bethesda. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., these students will become the teachers as they share their works, tunes and moves with kids and adults alike. Enjoy live performances, art activities and arts exploration at this free event. Scheduled performances include Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, Geist, the Visual Comedian and the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance. White Flint Mall is located at 11301 Rockville

Pike. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

## Bike Trail Maps Available from Montgomery County Web Site

Avid bikers who are Web savvy now have a new way to locate and print out some of Montgomery County, Maryland's bike trails. The county recently placed its Bikeways Map Viewer online at



<http://gis.co.mo.md.us/ims/bikeways/viewer.htm>. The map viewer enables riders to locate, measure and print letter-size maps of bikeways and trails in Montgomery County. Map viewer tools allow users to zoom in on aerial photos or pan out to an overview of the map. The site also provides links to useful safety information, mass transit options and bike organizations. For more information, visit the Bikeways home page at <http://www.bikeways.info>.

## County Officials Recommend Regular Chimney Inspection For Safety

As the cold winter weather continues, officials in Montgomery County, Maryland are offering advice on protecting your family, your home and yourself from chimney fires and clogged fireplace flues. They suggest:



- Have your chimney inspected annually by a licensed/certified chimney sweep. Signs of a dangerous chimney include cracks in masonry, poor updraft, broken flue sections and creosote accumulation. Chimney fires or carbon monoxide buildup can result if these danger signs are present.
- Burn only dry, seasoned hardwood in your fireplace. This cuts down on creosote buildup.

- Consider installing a chimney cap. Caps can help prevent water damage, keep animals out of the flue and reduce the danger of flying sparks.

For more tips or advice, visit the Montgomery County Division of Consumer Affairs Web site at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/consumer> or call 240-777-3636.

## McCrillis Gallery Closes Doors in Bethesda

McCrillis Gardens, a lovely shade garden in Bethesda, closed the doors to its gallery space in December of 2003. The gallery, which was located in the former McCrillis residence at 6910 Greentree Road, had provided local artists with intimate settings to display their works. The space was home to groups such as the Montgomery Potters, Silver Spring Camera Club and the Women's Art Exchange. On December 12, 2003, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) officials closed the gallery after a shift in programming and staff responsibilities took place at McCrillis and Brookside Gardens. Future uses of the gallery have not yet been determined, but local art groups are being encouraged to take advantage of exhibit space at the Brookside Gardens Visitor Center in the interim.

### TRY THIS WEB SITE:

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

February is American Heart Month. In honor of this, Web users can explore a wealth of heart health information on the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Web site. The site offers visitors access to the latest in heart health news and research, upcoming events, health information and publications, prevention campaigns and health assessment tools. Health publications are found easily and are broken down by key topic categories, such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart attack and other heart diseases. Visitors to the site can calculate their body mass index, test their knowledge of portion sizes and determine their potential risk for heart attack. Site visitors also are able to plan healthy menus and then calculate the number of calories in each meal.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Dietary Supplement Study

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine is seeking volunteers to participate in a study evaluating the effect of glucosamine (a dietary supplement) on the blood's glucose and insulin levels. Participants will help researchers learn more about this supplement's impact on the potential development and treatment of diabetes. The study takes place over 13 weeks, and participants will be asked to take glucosamine and a placebo. Compensation is provided. For more information, call 301-496-3244.

### Parkinson's Disease Study

People who have Parkinson's disease may be able to participate in a study of the experimental drug fipamezole at the NIH. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010.

### NIH Blood Bank Needs All Blood Types

The NIH Blood Bank at the Clinical Center currently needs all blood types. Blood collection hours are by appointment on Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To see if you are eligible or for more information about donating, call 301-496-1048 or visit <http://www.cc.nih.gov/dtm/index.htm>.

### ADHD Family Genetics Study

Doctors at the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH are seeking children between the ages of 7 and 17 who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and their families. These children and their family members are needed to participate in a study which seeks to identify the genes that contribute to ADHD. Eligible families will be asked to complete screening questionnaires and to give a blood sample. For more information, call 1-800-411-1222 or TTY: 1-866-411-1010 and refer to study number 00-HG-0058.

*The OCL Update is available on our Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>. If you would rather view this document online and not receive a printed version, please contact the OCL office at 301-496-3931. If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or send her an e-mail at [tlamotte@palladianpartners.com](mailto:tlamotte@palladianpartners.com).*

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