

Alexian Brothers Center for Psychiatric Research

Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital has an active and established program for clinical research trials under the direction of Mark Lerman, MD, Medical Director and Principal Investigator. The **Alexian Brothers Center for Psychiatric Research** offers several medication studies to interested participants who suffer from Schizophrenia, Major Depressive Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, and some addictive disorders.

The Center actively searches for new methods to improve the health of our patients. We work in collaboration with drug development companies to research new therapies that can help manage or alleviate negative symptoms associated with psychiatric disorders. These investigational trials help to determine if experimental methods of using new or existing medications are safe and effective.

Previously, the Center has participated in *Phase Two* and *Phase Three* trials for medications like Abilify®, Consta®, and Invega™. *Phase Two* trials are administered to a small number of participants to test the safety and efficacy of a medication, while *Phase Three* trials are provided to a large group of participants to fulfill requirements for medication licensure.

Trials occur on an inpatient or outpatient basis, depending on the particular study. If the participation criteria is met by the volunteer, he or she will sign an informed consent document agreeing to participate and to follow the instructions given to them.

Benefits of Trial Participation

- Through their voluntary involvement, trial participants are able to make an important contribution to science by helping the medical community to assess the safety and efficacy of new medications.
- If they qualify for the trial, participants have the potential of taking a new medication before it becomes available to the general public. They are also provided with psychiatric and medical care for not cost.

Risks of Trial Participation

- In general, clinical research often has risks associated. For instance, there may be undesirable side effects from certain medications.
- In some situations, trial participants may receive the placebo instead of the study drug. The Center takes great care in assisting all participants by easing uncomfortable symptoms and/or side effects.

Currently Enrolling Studies

The Center is currently enrolling for medication trials for the treatment of **Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, and Treatment Resistant Depression**. Future studies will include those disorders referenced, as well as a **Pediatric Autism** study. For a current list of studies, please check on our website at www.abbhh.org. You may also contact Phil Carona at 847-230-3591 or Phillip.Carona@abbhh.net



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