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Nicotine Vaccine: New Treatment to be Tested in Madison

(MADISON) -- The University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI) is recruiting smokers in Madison and surrounding communities to participate in a new nicotine-vaccine research study.

The medication is in its final testing stages and is only available in Madison through this study. UW-CTRI is one of 22 national sites selected for this investigational approach. Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in Wisconsin.

The vaccine is a potentially important advance in the fight to quit smoking. It is designed to gradually reduce the amount of nicotine that gets to the brain, making cigarettes less enjoyable and making it easier for smokers to break their addiction.

Smokers who volunteer and qualify for this study will receive quit-smoking coaching and may receive medication at no cost. Likely participants are daily smokers age 18-65, in good health and willing to follow the treatment procedures. Participants will be asked to make up to 20 clinic visits over the course of a year. Participants will receive compensation to cover the time and transportation for the clinic visits.

“Research is making significant strides in understanding and treating tobacco dependence, and preventing relapse,” said Dr. Douglas Jorenby, the lead researcher. “Most smokers do want to quit—seven out of ten.”

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Call **1-866-END-CIGS** or visit www.endcigs.com to volunteer for the study.

UW-CTRI, part of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, has provided cessation and prevention services in Wisconsin since 1992 and is a nationally recognized research center.

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