

# Volunteer Research Subjects Sought

The Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is conducting a study to help design and evaluate a new program that could help persons with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) live more independently. Subjects must be healthy adult males or females (18 to 65 years old) who either 1) have no memory disabilities (subjects in the non-TBI control group) or 2) have experienced a traumatic brain injury more than one year ago and who currently are living with or near a "caregiver" (an adult family member, friend, or attendant), who also will be invited to participate in this study. To enroll as a subject, both the person with the TBI and her/his caregiver must both agree to participate. All subjects and caregivers will be contacted daily by phone and asked to report data and any problems encountered with the new system during the two-week study period. The caregiver must accompany the person with the TBI to the enrollment site at the beginning and at the end of the two-week study. All participants will be provided a cell phone for the duration of the study. At the end of the study, subjects must return to the enrollment location, return the cell phones they were provided, complete some final evaluations of the system, and receive compensation for their time.

If you are interested in participating, please call Applied Human Factors, Inc. ([210] 408-0098). The most likely possible benefits are 1) the use of a cell phone to make local calls during the two-week period and 2) that participants might perform tasks on time and with fewer reminders from caregivers. The research will be conducted in room MED 658L in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Texas Health Science Center or in room 162 at Applied Human Factors, Inc. The Principal Investigator at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is Alison J. Beck, Ph.D.). Selected subjects will be reimbursed. Reimbursement will be \$200 for subjects in the TBI Group, \$200 for subjects in the Non-TBI Control Group, and \$100 for subjects in the Caregiver Group. Most subjects will complete the initial visit in an hour and a half and the final visit in thirty minutes, and will be involved with the project for an estimated one hour each day.



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