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NEWS

Uterine Fibroids?

We have questions.

Cynthia

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Sherry

How do fibroids affect women's health? How many women have them? When do they cause pain or bleeding or other problems for women? What might increase a woman's risk of having fibroids? What changes happen in the uterine fibroid tissue?

You have answers.

We don't know what causes uterine fibroids, but we want to find out. The George Washington University Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health are working together to conduct the study, but participants such as you are really the ones who make the study.

— How Is The Study Going? —

We have contacted nearly 1000 of you. Many women are taking the time to help and the response has been wonderful. Of the women who are asked to participate, more than 80% agree to help. You have completed 516 telephone interviews and 352 clinic visits! Our goal is to have about 1500 women participate and it will take at least another year or two for that many women to complete the study. Then we can begin to try to find answers. We'll be sending you occasional news about the study, and eventually we'll send you the group study results.

— News From the Study Staff —

Betty Taylor, who interviewed many of you last year, is currently on maternity leave. All of us are enjoying talking with you and working on such a challenging study! Glenn, Tessie, and Susie take turns making monthly visits from North Carolina to D.C. to work with Regina who is in the George Washington Office in D.C. full-time.

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— What Else Can You Do? —

Many of you have completed or are in the process of completing the questionnaires we mailed you. We know you are all busy with your lives and that this study is an extra, so thank you for returning the forms and kits as soon as possible.

Many women have said they have had a lot of problems because of fibroids, so they really want to help. If you don't have fibroids you are important to the study, too. You can help us answer questions about what protects women from developing fibroids.

- Call Glenn or Tessie at 1-800 948-7552, Extension 127 or Extension 134 to enroll or get help with completing your participation.
- If you need to cancel a clinic appointment on the morning of your appointment please call Regina directly in D.C. at (202) 994-5854 to let her know. Otherwise call Glenn or Tessie at 1-800 948-7552 Extension 127 or 134 to reschedule.
- Mail or call us with any change in phone number or address so we can continue to update you on the study.

— Why Study Uterine Fibroids? —

Uterine fibroids cause major health problems for women. Over 200,000 women have surgery on their uterus for fibroids every year in this country. Yet, there has never been a large study of uterine fibroids in the United States. We need to know more.

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