



National Study Announced for Adolescents With Schizophrenia

Research coincides with National Mental Health Month

Adolescence is a time of change – a time when many parents see changes in their teenagers' behavior and moods. Too frequently, these changes are dismissed as part of growing up when they may, in fact, be important early signs of mental illness.

This is particularly true when it comes to illnesses such as adolescent schizophrenia. One reason is the gradual onset of symptoms in teens that makes it difficult to recognize and diagnose. Another reason is lack of awareness about the disease. Certain medications are often prescribed to treat adolescent schizophrenia – despite this lack of knowledge.

Adolescents 'n Children Helping Others Through Research (ANCHOR) is conducting a clinical study to help fill this gap in knowledge and treatment and is seeking participants. Participation of adolescent patients with this disease is vital to help doctors understand more about the illness and its treatment. This study will be one of the first ones to explore whether medication approved for adults is safe and effective in adolescents. National Mental Health Month in May has signaled a renewed emphasis on patient recruitment for the study.

Candidates for participation in this clinical study must be between the ages of 13 and 17, have been diagnosed with schizophrenia and must voluntarily participate. Participants must not be pregnant or breast-feeding, cannot have a history of any serious suicidal or homicidal attempts, or show signs of current suicidal or homicidal risk, and cannot have a current drug or alcohol abuse problem.

The study is being conducted in (name of market) through the coordinated efforts of local medical professionals and ANCHOR. To learn more about this clinical study, caregivers and others who wish to obtain additional information or to refer potential participants for call toll-free (800) 773-5374 or log onto the study's web site at <http://anchor.axiomihm.com>.

More information is available as follows.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI): www.nami.org; National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD): www.narsad.org; or, by contacting Hal Coxon at Axiom Accelerated Clinical Patient Recruitment: (847) 919-1005; halcoxon@axiomhm.com.