Hitsman Lab Research Internship

Brian Hitsman, PhD, leads the Nicotine Dependence and Treatment lab within the Department of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine.

The Nicotine Dependence and Treatment Lab conducts NIH-funded clinical and human laboratory research to improve the treatment of nicotine dependence in high tobacco burden populations. These special populations smoke at high rates, experience low quit rates, and have limited access to effective treatments. Our clinical trial work focuses on 1) modifying the delivery of evidence-based treatment to increase reach (e.g., telephone-based treatment) and effectiveness (e.g., extended duration treatment); and 2) evaluating novel targeted interventions that combine psychological and pharmacological therapies. In addition to our interest in smoking cessation, we examine the effects of smoking cessation on psychological and cardiovascular health. Our human laboratory studies are concerned with identifying psychological and neurobiological factors that maintain smoking and nicotine dependence.

More details on the current active clinical trials and lab studies can be found here: http://www.preventivemedicine.northwestern.edu/divisions/behavioralmedicine/research/hitsmanlab.html

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

We are currently accepting applications for research interns! If you would like to apply, please e-mail your resume or CV and contact information to Dr. Amanda Mathew at Amanda.mathew@northwestern.edu

Undergraduate interns

We are seeking interns interested in clinical and health psychology to help conduct the day to day tasks of running clinical trials. Minimum requirement of 10 hours per week. Position is located at the Chicago (medical) campus. Specific duties include:

1. Phone screen calls: Conducting initial telephone eligibility screening and scheduling; obtaining medical clearance when candidates present with specific medical conditions. Completing reminder calls for upcoming sessions.
2. Data management: Scanning all participant data into MS Access database and completing data quality assurance checks per study protocol.
3. Assisting with data collection procedures.
4. Assisting in recruitment efforts by reviewing EPIC electronic health records to identify eligible patients
5. Preparing/maintaining protocol materials and participant study charts.
6. Assisting with biological sample collection, storage and shipment.