Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern
Research Assistant Internship

The Osher Center for Integrative Medicine (OCIM) at Northwestern is currently seeking students to volunteer as research assistants for a study on Integrative Medicine called PRIMIER (Patients Receiving Integrative Medicine Interventions Effectiveness Registry). PRIMIER is a national study and the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at Northwestern is one of 14 academic integrative centers participating. The goal of PRIMIER is to provide a framework for determining the best practices of integrative medicine. The study is conducted through a series of online surveys designed to evaluate the change in patient-reported outcomes such as quality of life, mood and stress over time. The study also collects data from participants’ medical records on tests, procedures, medications, treatments, and the cost of procedures and if insurance was billed. The results from this study have potential to bolster the clinical evidence supporting integrative therapies and may impact future medical insurance coverage of these therapies.

Student interns will be responsible for recruiting and enrolling participants for PRIMIER by approaching patients in the OCIM waiting room. They will also be involved in tracking patient enrollment, interacting with the clinic staff, medical assistants, and physicians when necessary.

Location: The Volunteer Research Intern works in the patient waiting room of the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine at 150 E. Huron St., Suite 1100, Chicago, IL.

Key Responsibilities:

- Approach patients in waiting room and invite them to participate in the study.
- Answer patients’ questions about study.
- Facilitate study consenting and registration process utilizing clinic iPads.
- Track patients approached and enrolled in study.
- Communicate with front desk staff, medical assistants and physicians when necessary.
- Assist Study Coordinator in contacting participants requiring assistance, or those who need to complete study surveys.

Reports To: Study Coordinator, Natalie Pace (npace@nm.org) and Principal Investigators David Victorson, PhD and Melinda Ring, MD.

Time Commitment: At least one day a week (Monday-Friday) for a minimum of three consecutive hours between 7am-6pm, for a minimum of two academic quarters.

Qualifications: Basic knowledge of computers and Apple tablets; dependability; pleasant manner; strong communication skills; patience; enthusiasm for medicine/research/patient wellbeing.

Support: Training for this position will be provided. In addition, the research coordinator will be available for questions and assistance.

Age Requirements: At least 18 years old

Dress Code: Business Casual (e.g., no flip flops, jeans, etc.)
Certifications to be Granted During Experience: CITI Program Basic Human Subject Research Course (obtained during volunteer training). Northwestern Memorial Hospital Volunteer Orientation requirements (criminal background check, corporate health screening and drug test).

For more information, visit the study website: http://bravewell.org/current_projects/bravenet/bravenet/

If interested in the position, please contact the study coordinator, Natalie Pace, at npace@nm.org