SILCS Study
Family Planning Research at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC

Sterilized Women Needed for a Diaphragm Study

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE:
- 18-45 years old
- having regular periods
- in a sexual relationship with one partner
- able to make 7 visits over 3 months

$200 compensation to be paid by the study sponsor, Conrad Contraceptive Research and Development

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Dr. Frank DiCicco, an assistant professor of radiology at Pitt and a nuclear medicine physician, has been involved in the development of new drug delivery systems and has a particular interest in the use of radiopharmaceuticals for imaging and therapy.

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Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine has received a grant from the Department of Defense to develop inhaled immunosuppressant powders for transplant recipients. A device called the NicroDowm® DPI technology uses a piezo vibrator, which converts electrical energy to mechanical motion that is then transferred into the dry powder. This vibratory de-aggregates the powder, forming a aerosol that is directly deposited in the lungs when inhaled. The device is now being commercialized by a company in which the University of Pittsburgh will hold a minority equity stake. The grant, funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will help support additional development of the product.

NASA grant awarded to geology prof

Michael Ramsey, an assistant professor in Pitt's Department of Geology and Planetary Science, has been awarded a grant of $226,000 from the Mars Fundamental Research Program of NASA. The new program aims to improve the ability of landers to identify water on Mars, leading to the discovery of potential life. The grant will be used to develop new methods for assessing the geology of Mars, including the use of imaging data and mineralogical analyses.