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Name of Study: ConnectMe: A Randomized, Double-Blind Evaluation of Memantine in Pediatric Patients with Autistic Disorder

Institution: The University of Illinois-Chicago Department of Psychiatry

Location: Chicago, IL 60608

Eligibility Criteria: Boys and nonmenarcheal girls between the ages of 6 and 12 years, who have a diagnosis of Autistic Disorder and who are not current on psychotropic medication. There is no weight exclusion.

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Dear Parent,

Your family is potentially eligible to participate in ConnectMe, a multi-center clinical trial evaluating the effect of an investigational medication on the core symptoms of autism. The investigational medication has been approved by the FDA for use in the treatment of other conditions since 2003. A unique formulation and dosage of the medication has designed for evaluation in pediatric patients with autism.

This study is sponsored by Forest Research Institute and involves the collaboration of approximately 16 pediatric clinical research investigators at academic centers and private practices across the United States. In total, this study aims to enroll over 80 families of children with autistic disorder.

The time commitment for all families of enrolled patients involves visiting your local clinic 8 times over a 14-week period (approximately one visit every 2 weeks). The time spent at each of these visits will vary based on the number of expert evaluations and tests that are conducted and requires that the same caregiver attend each visit with the enrolled child. All study medication and comprehensive study-related evaluations will be provided at no cost.

Children who complete this study are eligible for participation in a 48-week long open-label study.

If you are interested in joining the study, please contact our research coordinator, Clare Tessman, at 312-996-6746 or by e-mail at dtess@uic.edu. You may also contact our national study team by phone at 888-561-3939 or through our website at www.ConnectMeResearchStudy.com.

Thank you for your support in the advancement of autism research.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fedra Najjar, MD

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