

FIBRO STUDY

COLUMBUS DOCTORS NOW TESTING NEW FIBROMYALGIA DRUG

Ohio doctors are now testing a new drug that may help the thousands of men and women who suffer the extreme pain and fatigue of fibromyalgia.

Doctors at Ohio State University in Columbus are using a new drug called PREGABLIN, which does not target the brain chemical serotonin like other drugs. Pregablin aims at the pain pathway in the spinal cord and brain.

Rheumatologist, Dr. Kevin Hackshaw of The Ohio State University Health Sciences Center says, " Our main goal is trying to make patients able to cope with the disease and functional in their daily settings."

The Ohio State doctors hope that Pregablin can help the 20 % of fibromyalgia patients who get little or no relief from anti-inflammatory drugs, muscle relaxants, and antidepressants that are commonly prescribed.

Dr. Hackshaw adds, "This medication is part of a newly developed family of drugs that interrupts a chemical process that has been linked to fibromyalgia related pain. The drug is still experimental, and is also being tested to help patients with arthritis. However, Pregablin is NOT available to patients unless they are enrolled in a study.

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