

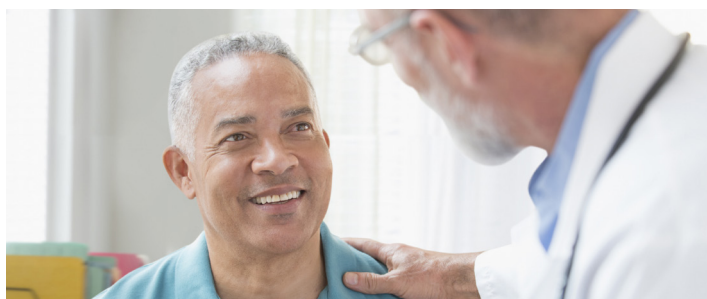
SEVERE GERD?

THE LESS GERD TRIAL FOR ADULTS LIVING WITH SEVERE REFLUX

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is a chronic digestive disease that affects nearly 65 million people in the United States.¹ It occurs when stomach acid or stomach contents flow back into your food pipe (esophagus). The backwash (reflux) irritates the lining of your esophagus and causes GERD.² Frequent and troublesome symptoms may include one or more of the following: heartburn, regurgitation, sleep disruption, vocal impairment, and respiratory complications.



DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LESS GERD TRIAL?



Most individuals with GERD are successfully treated with acid blocking medications such as proton pump inhibitors (PPI). However, nearly 30% of individuals on PPI medication continue to suffer from symptoms.

If you or a loved one between the ages of 22 and 75 suffers from chronic reflux, take PPI medication, and continue to suffer from reflux symptoms, consider participating in the [LESS GERD TRIAL](#)

The [LESS GERD TRIAL](#) will examine the effects of the EndoStim[®] Lower Esophageal Sphincter (LES) Stimulation System, a new minimally invasive approach to severe reflux treatment, on GERD outcomes, such as: esophageal pH (acid in the esophagus); GERD symptoms (heartburn and regurgitation); and effect of GERD on overall quality of life.

Visit www.lessgerd.com to learn more and take an online screening test.



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THE LESS GERD TRIAL

FOR ADULTS LIVING WITH SEVERE REFLUX

The LESS GERD TRIAL is a clinical research study taking place at a site near you.



REQUIREMENTS

The LESS GERD TRIAL is open to patients who fit the following requirements:

Male or female



22-75 years of age



Diagnosed with GERD



No prior surgery involving the esophagus



Taking PPI medication (Maximal dose)

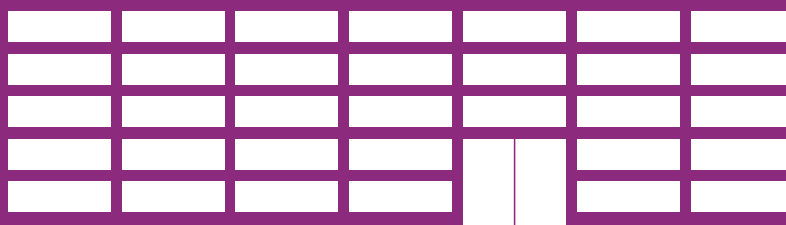


GERD symptoms are not completely resolved by PPI, or intolerant to the PPI



LOCATION AND STUDY TEAM

The LESS GERD TRIAL is taking place at:



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PLEASE CONNECT

- Contact the doctor or office staff member who provided you with this flier—or the study coordinator listed above—to discuss your interest in participating in this clinical trial.
- Visit www.lessgerd.com for more information about the trial and to take the [online Self-Screening Test](#) to determine if you may be eligible to participate in the study.

The EndoStim system is not approved for sale in the US and is limited by US federal law to investigational use only. For more information, visit www.endostim.com.

Your doctor will review with you study specific requirements and then determine if you may be eligible for the study.

1. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Definition and Facts for GER and GERD, <http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/health-topics/digestive-diseases/ger-and-gerd-in-adults/Pages/definition-facts.aspx>. Accessed June 9, 2016.

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