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NEWS RELEASE
“A New Year Resolution That ‘Gives Back’!”

Frederick, Maryland--- December 1, 2011—Most of us have difficulty making and keeping resolutions for the New Year. Many will kick off the new year with the promise to exercise more and eat less - only to lose momentum after a few months or even weeks. “With the New Year rapidly approaching, we are asking folks to consider participation in a clinical trial. No matter what disease you may have, there is usually a clinical study looking for volunteers. Participants are critical to successful studies which in turn lead to the development of new and improved treatments, however, finding willing participants is one of the most difficult aspects of conducting clinical research.

As a volunteer in a clinical trial, participants receive all of their study related care at no cost, and are monitored very closely throughout the study. Plus, volunteers are often compensated for their time and travel. Nathan Wei, MD mentions, “So many people who have arthritis find it difficult to afford their arthritis medications or simply feel that it’s all a part of growing old. With the new year approaching, this is a great time to turn over a new leaf and give back.” says Dr. Wei. He continues, “Even if you have reservations about how the study may help you, it’s important to note, that it may help those who might be diagnosed with the disease in the future.”

Arthritis is the most common cause of crippling in the United States. It is a condition that affects more than 70 million Americans. Right now, the Arthritis Treatment Center is looking for volunteers who have been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, gout, osteoarthritis, and psoriatic arthritis. Dr. Wei concludes, “To see if you qualify for an arthritis study, contact us at 888-71-STUDY. To find out if there is a clinical trial for other diseases, check out the website, www.clinicaltrials.gov.”

Dr. Wei is a board-certified rheumatologist expert. He is director of the Arthritis Treatment Center located in Frederick, Maryland.

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