

Doctors see increase in clinical trial participants

With high gas prices and unemployment rates soaring, people are finding interesting ways to make quick cash and Beth Mallen is one of them.

She's volunteering in a research study to test a laser hair removal device.

"Of course, I would do it anytime if I were a candidate for a procedure they were offering," Mallen told News 2.

Dr. Brian Biesman at the Nashville Centre for Laser and Facial Surgery is overseeing in the trial.

"Sometimes, we're developing new technology, which will help us accomplish something we're just not able to do at all. Other times, we're refining existing technologies, perhaps to make treatments more effective," he said.

He said studies vary in how much time and effort is needed. A research project can last anywhere from weeks to months.

Dr. Biesman said, "We try to emphasize on the front end, please don't make a commitment to the study unless you're certain that barring some unforeseen disaster, you'll be able to follow through on the commitments."



Often, the treatment alone is worth thousands of dollars and in many cases, there's a payout in the end.

Participants can earn as much as \$850. said, "It's having a little income coming in and having services provided at the same time is huge. It's wonderful and really is beneficial."

Dr. Biesman is currently seeking subjects for several research projects that include non-invasive wrinkle treatment of the eyelids, skin resurfacing, skin tightening and laser-assisted hair removal of the upper lip.

All studies are overseen by the institutional review boards and participants must quality in order to participate.

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