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Identical twins being recruited for study on genetics and disease onset

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is recruiting pairs of identical twins for a clinical study that will determine what kind of modifications to one's genetic code would lead to higher blood pressures.

Mingyu Liang, Ph.D., professor of physiology; and Srividya Kidambi, M.D., assistant professor of medicine and a physician at Froedtert Hospital; are the lead investigators for the study.

Interested participants will be asked to come to the translational research unit for study-related measurements. Genetic modifications will be determined from a blood sample from each twin. Subjects will be compensated for their time.

For more information about this clinical study, call Dr. Kidambi's office at 414-955-7438.

About the Medical College of Wisconsin

The Medical College of Wisconsin is the state's only private medical school and health sciences graduate school. Founded in 1893, it is dedicated to leadership and excellence in education, patient care, research and community engagement. More than 1,200 students are enrolled in MCW's medical school and graduate school programs in Milwaukee. New regional medical education campuses are scheduled to open in Green Bay in 2015, and in Central Wisconsin in 2016, with each recruiting initial classes of 20-25 students. A major national research center, MCW is the largest research institution in the Milwaukee metro area and second largest in Wisconsin. In FY 2013-14, faculty received approximately \$154 million in external support for research, teaching, training and related purposes, of which approximately \$138 million is for research. This total includes highly competitive research and training awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Annually, MCW faculty direct or collaborate on more than 2,000 research studies, including clinical trials. Additionally, more than 1,350 physicians provide care in virtually every specialty of medicine for more than 425,000 patients annually.

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