If you or a loved one suffers from schizophrenia and abuses alcohol, the Breakaway Study may be able to help.

Talk to your doctor and visit BreakawayStudy.com today.
An all-consuming issue.

Schizophrenia is a serious brain disorder that can affect the way a person thinks, acts, expresses emotions, perceives reality, and relates to others. It’s not an uncommon disease, and an estimated 2.4 million adults are living with schizophrenia in the U.S.1 Symptoms include confusion, paranoid thoughts, depression, and anxiety – and can get so intense that a person loses touch with reality. This is known as a psychotic episode.

To make matters worse, some individuals turn to alcohol to cope with the illness. They may drink to alleviate symptoms, using alcohol as an escape from their lives with schizophrenia. However, this practice typically leads to further social, legal, and medical problems – and could ultimately cause a downward spiral from which escape may seem impossible.

Right now research is underway to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication for people who have schizophrenia and abuse alcohol.

The search for a new treatment.

We are looking for patients 18 to 65 years old who suffer from schizophrenia and abuse alcohol to take part in a clinical research study. And you’re invited to find out if you or a loved one may qualify.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication in treating schizophrenia in patients who abuse alcohol.

Each individual will be evaluated to determine his or her eligibility to participate in the study. Each patient who qualifies will receive investigational medication, study-related medical exams, and laboratory tests at no cost. Compensation for time and travel may also be available.

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Your doctor can provide more information about the study and can help evaluate if you or your loved one may be eligible to participate. If you know someone who would benefit from this information, please feel free to pass it along. To learn more, talk to your doctor or contact the participating doctor listed below.

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“I’M TIRED OF THE GUILT THAT COMES WITH ALWAYS DRINKING.”

“I DON’T SEE HOW I’LL EVER GET A LONG STRETCH OF SOBRIETY AGAIN.”

Find out more about the Breakaway Study.

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What you should know about clinical research studies.

What is a clinical research study?

A clinical research study, also known as a clinical trial, is a carefully designed study in which participants are asked to take an investigational medication under the supervision of a physician and other research professionals to evaluate whether the investigational medication is safe and effective for a specific disease or condition. An investigational medication is one that has not yet been approved by the FDA.

Clinical research studies must be approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Ethics Committee (EC). An IRB or EC is a group responsible for helping to protect the rights and welfare of study participants. In addition, everyone who participates in a study is monitored with medical tests and study-related exams before, during, and sometimes even after the study.

What should I expect?

Before you participate in a study, a doctor will talk to you about possible risks and benefits and answer all your questions about the study. The doctor will ask you to review and sign a document called “Informed Consent” before you participate in the study. Afterward the doctor will go over your medical history, give you a physical exam, and take some lab tests. You will be able to ask questions at any time throughout the study.

If you qualify, you will be enrolled in the study. Once enrolled, feel free to discuss your research care with the study physician or research staff members at any time during the course of the study. Information collected during a clinical research study may or may not ultimately lead to the investigational medication being approved by the FDA or other regulatory health authorities, and may result in future developments of new drugs.

It is important to:

• Attend all scheduled visits
• Describe your feelings and well-being accurately and honestly to the study physician
• Discuss any questions regarding the study with the study physician
• Use the investigational medication as prescribed

As a study participant, you will have the right to contact the study’s IRB or EC representative regarding your rights as a research participant. You will also have the right to leave the study at any time.