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## **HSG to Conduct a Phase 2 Study in Adults with Mild-to-Moderate Huntington Disease**

The Huntington Study Group (HSG) is conducting a clinical study “A Multi-Center, Phase 2, Randomized, Double-Blinded, Placebo-Controlled Study of **Dimebon** in Subjects With Huntington **D**isease” (**DIMOND**) with the research medication – **Dimebon** – in patients who have mild to moderate Huntington disease (HD). The HSG is a worldwide, not-for-profit group of physicians and other clinical researchers who are experienced in the care of Huntington disease patients and dedicated to clinical research of Huntington disease. The study is sponsored by Medivation, Inc. with headquarters in San Francisco, CA.

Huntington disease (HD) is an inherited neurodegenerative disease characterized by brain cell death that usually begins between the ages of 30 to 50, and includes motor, cognitive and behavioral signs and symptoms. While there are medications to help relieve some of the disease symptoms, there is no known treatment to slow the progression of HD, which affects about 30,000 people in North America.

Dimebon is an investigational medication that has been shown to inhibit brain cell death in models of HD and Alzheimer’s disease (AD). In a 12-month study of patients with Alzheimer’s disease, Dimebon was well-tolerated and significantly improved cognition and memory, behavior, activities of daily living and overall function when compared to placebo. The safety of Dimebon has also been evaluated in a one-week study in HD patients. The current study will assess the effects of Dimebon on cognition, memory, behavior, and motor function of HD patients, as well as the safety and tolerability of the drug when administered over a 3 month period.

There is no cost to participate in the study. Individuals with mild-to-moderate Huntington disease who are interested in participating in this study should visit the Huntington Study Group website at: [www.huntington-study-group.org](http://www.huntington-study-group.org) or call the toll free number at 1-(800) 487-7671.