

Dr. Barbara Latenser, Director of The University of Iowa Burn Treatment Center in conjunction with **COOK** Critical Care are pleased to invite you to participate in a research study: **Percutaneous Peritoneal Decompression and Abdominal Compartment Syndrome: A Prospective, Randomized, Multi-Institutional Study.** The purpose of the study is to develop a standardized definition of intra-abdominal hypertension (IAH) and abdominal compartment syndrome (ACS) in burn patients.

This trial is a randomized, unblinded study of 1200 patients nationwide. Approximately 600 subjects will receive percutaneous peritoneal decompression, and 600 subjects will receive standard monitoring care. The University of Iowa Burn Treatment Center will be the coordinating site.

You may enroll as many subjects as you wish who meet the inclusion criteria. A closing date of March 2009 is expected, if enough data is obtained. The University of Iowa Burn Treatment Center reserves all Publication rights, followed by each site in the order of number of patients enrolled in the study.

There will be no compensation provided to the Investigators. However, **COOK** Critical Care will provide up to 600 PD catheters free of charge to the subjects who randomize to the PD catheter arm of the study. Shipments will be made to your site directly from **COOK** Critical Care.

COOK Critical Care will provide the statistical analysis. Only raw data collected by your site on the enclosed data collection sheet needs to be recorded and sent via fax, email or regular mail to the UI Research Coordinator.

Detailed information including study protocol, data collection sheet, sample IRB application, and a sample informed consent document to assist with the IRB submission process at your site is available by contacting Janelle Born at the email address below. Questions may also be directed to Barbara Latenser, MD, phone 319-356-8940, email barbara-latenser@uiowa.edu; or Janelle Born, RN Clinical Research Coordinator, phone 319-384-6327, email janelle-born@uiowa.edu.