

Seeking Cancer Patients with Anxious or Depressed Mood to participate in a scientific study of states of consciousness

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is seeking volunteers with a diagnosis of cancer who are experiencing anxious or depressed mood to participate in a scientific study of states of consciousness brought about by the entheogen psilocybin, a psychoactive substance found in mushrooms used as a sacrament in some cultures, given in a comfortable, supportive setting. Questionnaires and interviews will be used to assess the effects of the substance on consciousness, mood, and behavior. Volunteers enrolled in the study will receive careful preparation and 2 sessions in which they will receive psilocybin. Structured guidance will be provided during the session and afterwards to facilitate integration of the experiences.

Volunteer must be between the ages of 21 and 70, have no personal history of severe psychiatric illness, or recent history of alcoholism or drug abuse, have someone willing to pick them up and drive them home at the end of the two psilocybin sessions (around 5:00 PM), and must live within travel distance of the Hopkins Bayview campus in Baltimore.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of volunteering, please call **410-550-5990** and ask for Mary, the study's research coordinator. Confidentiality will be maintained for all applicants and participants.

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