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Dear Sjögren's Patient:

Each day research and clinical trials are being conducted to unveil new medications, therapies and diagnostic tools for Sjögren's syndrome and its symptoms. Listed below is information about a Sjögren's and Dry Eye clinical research study being held in South Dakota. Your participation in this study could help patients worldwide and I hope you will consider learning more.

This new Sjögren's and Dry Eye study is looking for patients with a confirmed diagnosis of Primary Sjögren's and who have dry eye symptoms requiring the use of lubricating drops. Eligible patients should be 18 years of age or older, have no other eye diseases and take no eye drops other than lubricants. This new drop is replacing a protein, Lacritin, that is naturally occurring in normal patients but found to be largely absent in Sjögren's patients. There is no cost to you to participate. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/LacritinAndDryEye/> for more information.

For more information and to see if you may be eligible to participate, contact either:

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Call or email Jason at (605) 371-7037 or
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Dr. Monty Dirks
Black Hills Eye Institute
2800 Third Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
Call or email Kayla at (605) 719-3153 or
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If you have questions regarding the project, please contact the number listed above and not the Foundation Office. On behalf of the millions of Sjögren's sufferers in this country, I thank you for taking time to learn more about this study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Taylor".

Steven Taylor
Chief Executive Officer

Note: You received this notice because of your participation and/or interest in the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation. The SSF sends this research notice for information only. It does not represent an endorsement of this study but only makes you aware of this research project for your participation if you choose.