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Nathan E. Nachlas, M.D. Named Principal Investigator in Clinical Trial

BOCA RATON, Fla. (January 11, 2016) – Boca Raton-based Nathan E. Nachlas, M.D., a Yale-and Johns Hopkins-trained nose and sinus surgeon, and one of the pioneers of minimally invasive sinus surgery and balloon sinuplasty, has been named principal investigator in a Knopp Biosciences clinical trial. Dr. Nachlas is studying a potential new medical treatment for chronic sinusitis with nasal polyps.

Dr. Nachlas has been selected by Knopp Biosciences as principal investigator of dexpramipexole for the treatment of chronic sinusitis and nasal polyps. The purpose of the study is to determine whether dexpramipexole will improve symptoms associated with chronic sinusitis and nasal polyps, and reduce or eliminate the presence of these polyps.

“This could well be a game changer for those who suffer from chronic sinusitis and nasal polyps,” said Dr. Nachlas.

Certain types of nasal polyps, specifically those related to underlying allergic conditions, contain eosinophils. An eosinophil is a type of white blood cell that has been associated with allergy-related disorders. Typically, they are present in allergic polyps.

In studies on humans, dexpramipexole has been shown to have an anti-eosinophilic effect. Experts believe this effect will be beneficial in the treatment of nasal polyps associated with eosinophilia.

“Patients approved for the clinical study must have a diagnosis of chronic sinusitis with nasal polyps,” said Dr. Nachlas. “These polyps must contain eosinophils. Study participants are given dexpramipexole twice daily over the course of the study.”

All study-related treatments and visits are performed at no charge to participants, and the drug is provided at no charge. Participants will be compensated for time and travel for every visit. A total of seven visits are required during the six-month study.

To find out whether you are eligible for this clinical study, please call Sandy Friedman, director of patient relations, at (561) 939-0909, or email her at sandy@drnachlas.com.

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