New Mexico

Research in the Land of Enchantment

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While the standard treatment for asthma is corticosteroids, these drugs are less effective in obese individuals. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is funding researchers at UNM studying a new treatment that will help to prevent or treat asthma specifically among obese adults.

*AbbVie, Las Cruces and Albuquerque, NM*

AbbVie is conducting phase III clinical trials to test the safety and efficacy of a new small molecule medication to treat arthritis; a disease that affects over 50 million Americans. The treatment is intended for patients who have tried the standard treatment but have experienced limited success and still suffer from the debilitating symptoms of arthritis.

*Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute (LRRI), Albuquerque, NM*

Nearly 64% of HIV-infected patients develop respiratory symptoms, with 21% developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded researchers at LRRI are investigating the role of a specific HIV protein in the development of COPD, which could lead to future preventative or therapeutic interventions for this high-risk population.

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