

# Innovation at Work New Mexico



## Research in the Land of Enchantment

### *University of New Mexico (UNM), Albuquerque, NM*

In a PCORI funded study, Researchers at the University of New Mexico are comparing the effectiveness of frequently prescribed medications for bipolar disorder. The retrospective study holds promise for choosing the best treatment for this public health condition.

### *AbbVie, Las Cruces and Albuquerque, NM*

AbbVie is conducting phase III clinical trials to test the safety and effectiveness 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 (LRR), 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 LRR are investigating the role of a specific HIV protein in the development of COPD, which could lead to preventative and therapeutic interventions for this high-risk population.

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