



CENTER FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE GROUNDBREAKING

SUPERS:

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SOTS:

President Glick 27:04 to 27:22: "We believe you cannot have a top flight medical school without a strong research base...this puts us one step toward that expansion."

Dr. John McDonald 18:08 to 18:40: "It's a fabulous addition to our research space, new and improved facilities, vivarium, labs...I think it will be transforming for the campus."

Annette Whittemore 01:47 to 02:09: "We had a dream for this Institute...to bring new hope to patients is wonderful."

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SUGGESTED SCRIPT:

>>THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BROKE GROUND TODAY ON THE FIRST MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY TO BE BUILT AT THE UNIVERSITY IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

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>> THE MORE THAN 1-HUNDRED-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT BUILDING WILL DOUBLE THE SCHOOL'S RESEARCH AND LABORATORY SPACE....AND SERVE AS A NEW HOME TO PORTIONS OF THE SCHOOL'S BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH TEAMS.

THE CENTER WILL ALSO SERVE AS THE HEADQUARTERS TO THE WHITTEMORE PETERSON INSTITUTE FOR NEURO-IMMUNE DISEASE...THE FIRST INSTITUTE OF IT'S KIND IN THE U-S...DEDICATED TO FINDING THE CAUSE AND CURE FOR CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME. THE CENTER WILL ALSO HOUSE THE NORTHERN OPERATIONS OF THE NEVADA CANCER INSTITUTE...WHICH PLANS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND PATIENT-CENTERED CLINICAL TRIALS.

THE BUILDING...WHICH BOASTS A 30-FOOT TALL GLASS ENCLOSED LOBBY...WILL DRAMATICALLY ALTER THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S RENO CAMPUS. VISIBLE FROM MC-CARRAN...THE CENTER FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE WILL BE ACCESSED VIA A REALIGNED AND ELEVATED ENTERPRISE ROAD.

THE CENTER IS ALSO EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH OF THE NORTHERN NEVADA ECONOMY. THE ADDITIONAL RESEARCH SPACE IS ANTICIPATED TO INCREASE THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH REVENUES...WHILE THE CLINICAL OPERATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE WHITTEMORE PETERSON INSTITUTE AND NEVADA CANCER INSTITUTE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTRACT NEW PATIENTS TO THE AREA.

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>>THE CENTER FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ITS DOORS IN 2009.

FUNDING FOR THE 78-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT... STEMS FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO'S RESEARCH SCIENTISTS. THE STATE HAS PLEDGED 10-MILLION-DOLLARS TO THE CENTER FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE...IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT'S PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.