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From the

INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH SCIENCES &
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE UNM HEALTH SYSTEM



The University of New Mexico Health Sciences research enterprise is, in some ways, our best-kept secret. While our hospitals and clinics and health professions education programs may be more visible to the general public, our scientists conduct exciting research that benefits New Mexicans in myriad ways.

This year's Research Annual Report offers some examples of that important work.

You'll learn how Health Sciences researchers Matthew Campen, PhD, and Elaine Bearer, MD, PhD, and their colleagues, have devised new ways to identify and quantify the presence of microplastics in human tissue. Given that microplastics are ubiquitous in the environment – and worldwide plastic production continues unabated – this is a critical contribution to an emerging avenue of research.

Our scientists are also playing a prominent role in the search for new, more effective therapies for a variety of behavioral health concerns, including the use of psychedelic compounds to treat depression and PTSD. This work, led by Lawrence Leeman, MD, and Snehal Bhatt, MD, builds on UNM's decades-long research in this area.

Health Sciences research is not just confined to the laboratory. The Tertulias project, led by Janet Page-Reeves, PhD, is a highly effective community-based intervention for immigrant women that has proven its worth by transforming lives and improving participants' mental and physical health.

The UNM Center for Memory & Aging, led by Gary Rosenberg, MD, is now home to the National Institutes of Health-funded Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, offering New Mexicans the prospect of increased access to important new studies and clinical trials aimed at diagnosing and treating dementia.

Meanwhile, under the leadership of C. Fernando Valenzuela, MD, the New Mexico Alcohol Research Center has secured continued funding for studies that include the search for biomarkers associated with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, a condition that affects many throughout our state.

Many of these accomplishments have been supported by new research infrastructure, as well as established programs, including the UNM Clinical & Translational Science Center and the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center.

These achievements – and many others – have come about in part due to our ability to attract substantial extramural funding. In addition to supporting our research, this funding helps to stimulate our state's economy by creating and sustaining new jobs and spurring the creation of spin-off businesses.

I'm grateful to all of our research faculty for their many impactful accomplishments. Their creativity, compassion and commitment make them an invaluable resource for all New Mexicans.

Michael E. Richards, MD, MPA

Interim Executive Vice President for UNM Health Sciences
CEO, UNM Health System

From the

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

I am very pleased to report that The University of New Mexico Health Sciences has once again surpassed itself, achieving nearly \$259 million in extramural grant funding for FY 2024.

This vital funding fuels basic scientific discoveries that lead to translational breakthroughs, supports clinical trials that advance treatment options and bring the latest therapies to New Mexico patients, and addresses critical community health needs, such as access to high quality care, health disparities, child well-being and the impacts of substance use disorders.

Our research portfolio also contributes greatly to New Mexico's economy, generating jobs and fostering growth in the biotech sector. I could not be any prouder for all the contributions we have made to advancing science.

This report highlights selected ground-breaking work underway at our institution. UNM has been at the forefront of research on the presence of microplastics within our bodies and their potential role in cellular mechanisms of disease.

We are collaborating with communities throughout our state to develop scalable interventions, such as a mixed-methods study aimed at alleviating social isolation, depression and stress among women immigrants from Mexico.

In addition, FY 2024 has marked substantial growth in our research infrastructure through the funding of prestigious centers. UNM Health Sciences is now home to a National Institute of Aging-designated Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, and the long-standing New Mexico Alcohol Research Center secured competitive funding to continue its essential work on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.

UNM's extraordinary centers and core facilities foster mentorship and support the development of a robust research workforce, ensuring future discoveries and

pathways for skilled researchers dedicated to advancing biomedical knowledge.

This year we also continued to enhance our research mission through strategic areas of emphasis, including the creation of a new Center for Advancing Dissemination and Implementation Science to promote research on the adoption of evidence-based practices into diverse clinical settings. We also enhanced support for data science and AI and machine learning and built new administrative infrastructure for grant writing and proposal development.

I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to all of our dedicated faculty researchers, staff and learners whose hard work and passion make our achievements possible. As I often say, research brings hope. I am excited to see how in the upcoming year our collective efforts will continue to provide new opportunities and make meaningful contributions to improving health and saving lives.

Hengameh Raissy, PharmD

Vice President for Research, Health Sciences



DESPERATE MEASURES

Amid Growing Concerns, UNM Scientists Find a New Way to Quantify Microplastics in the Body

By Michael Haederle & Nicole San Roman

Scientists are finding microplastics everywhere they look in the human body these days. Tiny polymer particles have been found lodged in the digestive tract, testicles, placentas – even the brain.

Measuring how much plastic is in human tissue poses vexing challenges, however. Investigators have had to painstakingly count the micro- and nano-scale bits of plastic visible under a microscope to arrive at an estimate.

Until now, that is.

Toxicologist Matthew Campen and his University of New Mexico Health Sciences colleagues have devised a clever method for precisely quantifying assorted microplastics in the body, and their work has drawn worldwide attention to an underappreciated problem.

The team uses pyrolysis-gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (Py-GC/MS) to identify as many as 12 different types of plastic, while at the same time measuring the quantity of particles in a given tissue sample.

They outlined the technique in a February 2024 paper published in the journal *Toxicological Sciences*, in which they reported finding microplastics in all 62 of the human placenta samples they tested, with concentrations ranging from 6.5 to 790 micrograms per gram of tissue (a microgram is a millionth of a gram).

In another paper published in the same journal, Xiaozhong “John” Yu, MD, PhD, MPH, a professor in the UNM College of Nursing, reported finding microplastics in 47 canine and 23 human testicular tissue samples using the same analytical technique.

In dogs, the average concentration of microplastics was 122.63 micrograms per gram of tissue. In human tissue the average concentration was 329.44 micrograms per gram – nearly three times higher, and significantly higher than the average concentration Campen found in placental tissue.

Although those numbers may seem small, Campen worries about the unforeseen health consequences from a steadily rising volume of microplastics in the environment.

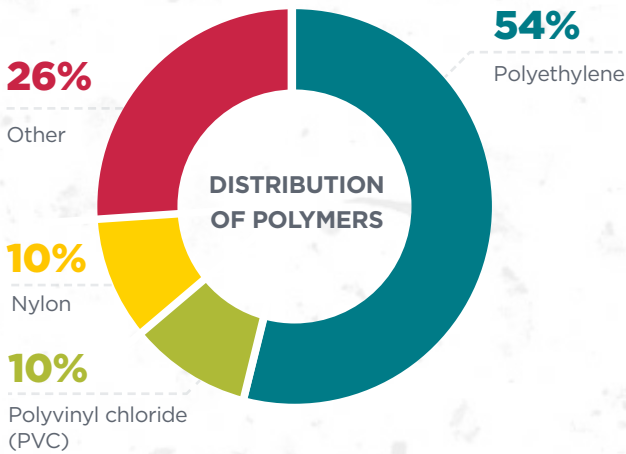
For toxicologists, “Dose makes the poison,” says Campen, Distinguished and Regents’ Professor in the UNM College of Pharmacy. “If the dose keeps going up, we start to worry. If we’re seeing effects on placentas, then all mammalian life on this planet could be impacted. That’s not good.”

When analyzing tissue samples from various organs Campen and his colleagues start by chemically treating them to “digest” the fat and proteins into a kind of soap – a process called saponification.

The samples are then spun in an ultracentrifuge, leaving behind a small nugget of plastic that is then subjected to pyrolysis, which entails heating the sample to 600 degrees Celsius and capturing the gas emissions.

“The gas emission goes into a mass spectrometer and gives you a specific fingerprint,” Campen said. “It’s really cool.”

In the placenta study, the researchers found the most prevalent polymer was polyethylene, widely used to make plastic bags and bottles. It accounted for 54% of the total plastics. Polyvinyl chloride (better known as PVC) and nylon each represented about 10% of the total, with the remainder consisting of nine other polymers.



Marcus Garcia, PharmD, a postdoctoral fellow who performed many of the experiments, said that until now, it has been difficult to quantify how much microplastic was present in human tissue. With the new approach, he said, “We can take it to that next step to be able to adequately quantify it and say, ‘This is how many micrograms or milligrams,’ depending on the plastics that we have.”

Measuring Microplastics



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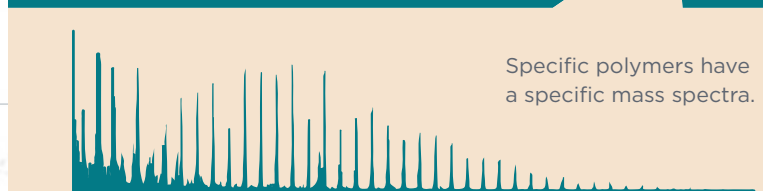
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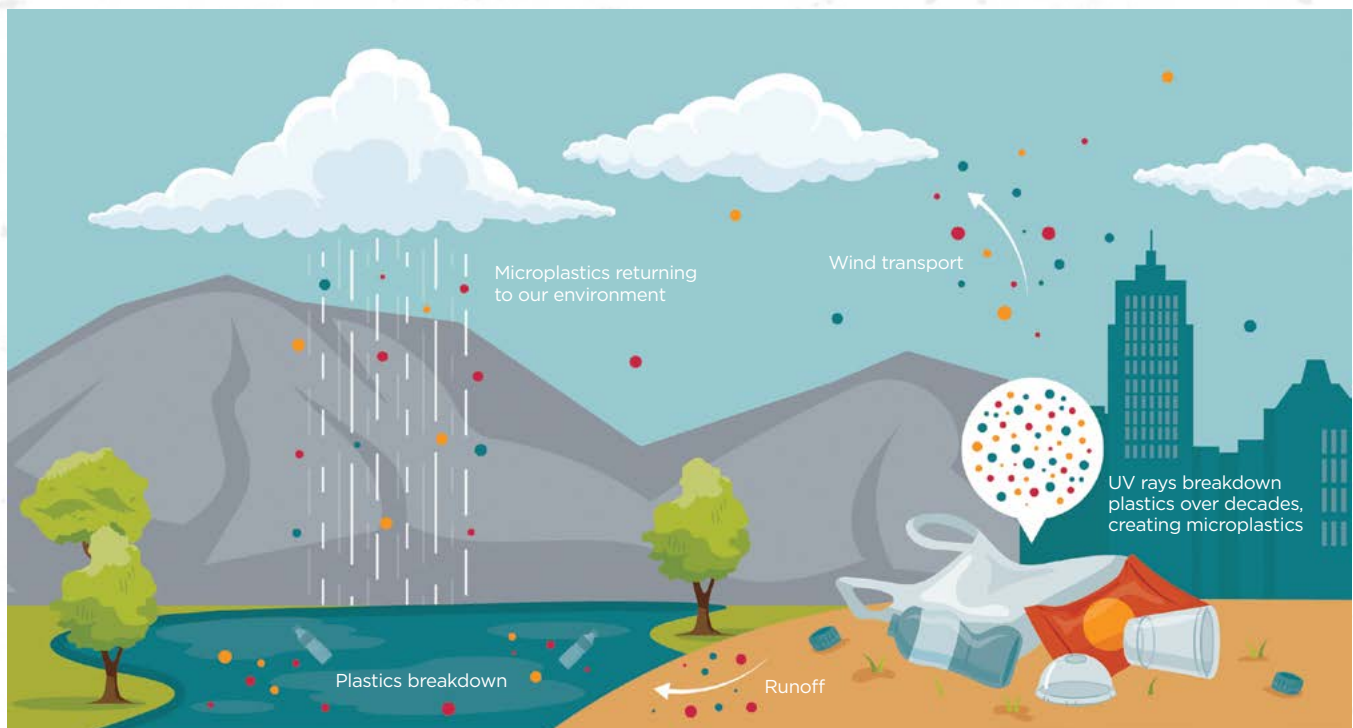
Plastic use worldwide has grown exponentially since the early 1950s, amounting to a metric ton of plastic waste for every person on the planet. About a third of the plastic that has been produced is still in use, but most of the rest has been discarded or sent to landfills, where it breaks down into ever-smaller fragments from exposure to ultraviolet radiation present in sunlight, eventually forming microplastics.

“That ends up in groundwater, and sometimes it aerosolizes and ends up in our environment,” Garcia said. “We’re not only getting it from ingestion, but also through inhalation as well. It not only affects us as humans, but all of our animals – chickens, livestock – and all of our plants. We’re seeing it in everything.”

The growing concentration of microplastics in human tissue might explain puzzling increases in some types of health problems, such as inflammatory bowel disease and colon cancer in people under 50, as well as the declining sperm counts seen around the globe, Campen said.

Yu, who studies the impact of various environmental factors on the human reproductive system, said it was Campen who drew his attention to the ubiquity of microplastics in the environment.

“He said, ‘Have you considered why there is this decline (in reproductive potential) more recently? There must be something new,’” Yu said. That led Yu to design a study



Campen points out that many plastics have a long half-life – the amount of time needed for half of a sample to degrade. “The half-life of some things is 300 years and the half-life of others is 50 years, but between now and 300 years some of that plastic gets degraded,” he said. “Those microplastics that we’re seeing in the environment are probably 40 or 50 years old.”

While microplastics are already present in our bodies, it is unclear what, if any, health effects they might be having. Plastics have traditionally been assumed to be biologically inert, but some particles are so small they are measured in nanometers – a billionth of a meter – and are capable of crossing cell membranes, he said.

using the same experimental method Campen’s lab had used in the placenta research.

His team obtained anonymized human testicular tissue from the Office of the Medical Investigator, which collects tissue samples during autopsies and stores them for seven years before disposing them. Canine testicular tissue came from City of Albuquerque animal shelters and private veterinary clinics that perform spay-neutering operations.

“At the beginning, I doubted whether microplastics could penetrate the reproductive system,” Yu said. “When I first received the results for dogs I was surprised. I was even more surprised when I received the results for humans.”

The findings point the way for additional research to understand how microplastics might affect sperm production in the testes, he said. “We have a lot of unknowns. We need to really look at what the potential long-term effect. Are microplastics one of the factors contributing to this decline?”

While Campen and Yu map out new studies to establish whether microplastics affect human health, their collaborator, Eliseo Castillo, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, has already demonstrated that the micro particles can pass through a protective layer of epithelial cells in the gut into the bloodstream and infiltrate organs throughout the body.

Over a four-week period, Castillo’s team exposed mice to water that contained microplastics, so that they swallowed an amount equivalent to the quantity of microplastics humans are believed to ingest each week.

“We could detect microplastics in certain tissues after the exposure,” Castillo says. “That tells us it can cross the intestinal barrier and infiltrate into other tissues.” The study showed the microplastics changed metabolic pathways in the various tissues. Evidence of microplastics was found outside the gut in the liver, kidney and even the brain.

Castillo has previously found that microplastics are also affecting macrophages – immune system cells that work to protect the body from foreign particles.

In a paper published in the journal *Cell Biology & Toxicology* in 2021, Castillo and other UNM researchers reported that when macrophages encountered and ingested microplastics, their function was altered and they released inflammatory molecules.

“It is changing the metabolism of the cells, which can alter inflammatory responses,” he says. “During intestinal inflammation, states of chronic illness such as ulcerative colitis and Crohn’s disease – both forms of IBD – these macrophages become more inflammatory and they’re more abundant in the gut.”

For Campen, meanwhile, the continued production of plastics worldwide is reason for deep concern.

“It’s only getting worse, and the trajectory is it’ll double every 10 to 15 years,” he said, “so even if we were to stop it today, in 2050 there will be three times as much plastic in the background as there as now. And we’re not going to stop it today.” 🗑️



Matthew Campen, PhD, analyzes microplastics in his lab on the UNM Health Sciences campus



PUZZLING

POLYMERS

How a Pathologist's Hunch Led to a New Way to Identify Microplastics in the Brain

By Michael Haederle

In December 2023, University of New Mexico neuropathologist Elaine Bearer, MD, PhD, was methodically studying brain tissue samples from two deceased dementia patients when she noticed something peculiar.

"I'm seeing these things in the microscope that I can't figure out what they are," recalled Bearer, Distinguished Professor in the UNM Department of Pathology and director of the neuropathology core for the UNM Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC). "They're strange brown lumpy things."

It was the prologue to a scientific detective story.

Pathologists typically use a variety of stains to highlight and classify microscopic structures in tissue, but these tiny blobs resisted identification, Bearer said. Then a colleague - Natalie Adolphi, PhD - suggested that she send the samples to Matthew Campen, PhD, a Distinguished Professor in the College of Pharmacy, who has found a way to extract and quantify the microplastics in human tissue.

Microplastics are formed when plastic is degraded and broken down over the course of decades, often through exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays in sunlight. Scientists

report that microplastics are now so ubiquitous in the environment that they have found their way into the food chain - and into the human body. Campen's lab has documented substantial amounts of microplastics in human brains stored in tissue repositories. But when postdoctoral fellow Marcus Garcia, PharmD, RPh, tested the tissue from the brains of the demented patients Bearer had been studying, he isolated about 20 grams of plastic - many times the amount in "normal" brains.

Now Bearer knew that the two dementia patients - one of whom had Alzheimer's and the other who suffered from a condition known as Binswanger's disease - had excessive amounts of plastic in their brains. ADRC director Gary Rosenberg, MD, had followed the male Binswanger's patient for seven years prior to his death.

"The first thing I did was I took some of the purified plastics from the Binswanger's case and I did electron microscopy on it," Bearer said. "They don't look like the same plastics that Matt is getting. They're different, they're a different shape. They actually have a different chemical composition."

She still couldn't identify the brown spots she had seen under the microscope but she had a hunch.

"It's very interesting that there's a lot more plastics in these demented brains than we found in normal brains,"



Bearer said. “I wanted to know if those brown deposits were the plastics, but there wasn’t any way to stain it specifically for plastics.”

During a brief sabbatical at the California Institute of Technology, Bearer used a confocal laser scanning microscope to study purified samples of the plastics Campen’s team had isolated. She exposed the plastic particles to 10 lasers that emitted a broad spectrum of wavelengths of light and finally found a UV frequency that caused them to fluoresce, so that they emitted light at a slightly longer wavelength.

Back in New Mexico, she re-examined the brain tissue samples while illuminating them with the same wavelength and found that the brown spots in the tissue fluoresced, confirming that they were bits of microplastic.

Now that she has found a way to image microplastics in the brain, Bearer has been sharing her discovery with peers, presenting her findings at a Society for Neuroscience meeting. He has also submitted a paper for publication in the journal of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine.

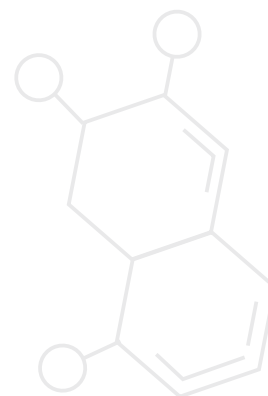
“I’ve now talked with four other neuropathologists across the country,” she said. “I showed them my pictures and

they said, ‘Oh my God, I’ve seen these, too. I saw them in my specimens and I couldn’t stain them. I didn’t know what they were.’ Then I showed them that they’re plastics, and they go, ‘Of course.’”

Bearer’s findings, coupled with those from the Campen lab, raise intriguing questions. Could an excessive accumulation of plastics in the brain trigger dementia symptoms? Or, are people with dementia pathology less able to clear plastics from the brain, leading to a build-up?

She says it’s too soon to tell. “I don’t have enough samples to do any kind of statistics, and I can’t say – because I’m only looking at dead people – I can’t see the plastic as causative.”

Going forward, Bearer hopes to examine additional brain tissue from patients enrolled in ADRC studies to learn more about where the microplastics are most prone to accumulate. She also holds out hope for being able to diagnose dementia pathology in living patients using magnetic resonance imaging. 🚗



SISTERHOOD IS POWERFUL

Tertulias Peer Support Groups Help Immigrant Women Find Their Voices and Overcome Isolation

By Michael Haederle

In April 2020 University of New Mexico researcher Janet Page-Reeves started recruiting women immigrants from Mexico to participate in Tertulias, an R01 grant-funded study to evaluate whether a peer support group could reduce their social isolation, depression and stress.

The women met once a week for two hours via Zoom for wide-ranging conversations conducted in Spanish and moderated by a facilitator. By the time data collection concluded in June 2024, 252 women had taken part in the randomized controlled trial – and the results were dramatic.

“As a result of the intervention their lives have been transformed,” said Page-Reeves, professor and vice chair for research for the Department of Family & Community Medicine and director of research for the UNM Office for Community Health (OCH), who served as principal investigator on the grant. “They left domestic violence relationships. Many of them have gone on and gotten certified as community health workers.”

Tertulias – informal social gatherings or chats – afforded the women a safe space in which to share their experiences and build trusted friendships while drawing on their “funds of knowledge,” Page-Reeves said. It’s the idea “that women bring with them wisdom, lived experience – knowledge that isn’t normally considered to be of interest.”

The project also invited women to share their experiences through creative projects, including stories, drawings, paintings, photographs, recipes and poetry. The work was curated by a group of nine Tertulias participants and displayed at a gala event held at the

National Hispanic Cultural Center on Oct. 19, 2024. In the study, supported by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, half of the participants were randomized to a control group. All of the participants were fluent in Spanish and reported income below 250% of the federal poverty level.

Those in the active intervention cohort were divided into groups of about 10 people each and participated in the weekly conversations for 10 to 12. They were also encouraged to stay connected with one another via WhatsApp in between their Zoom meetups. (Those assigned to a control group had periodic phone check-ins with a staff member.)



The project was conducted in collaboration with two Albuquerque organizations: Centro Sávila, a mental health and case management program, and the One Hope Clinic, which originated with East Central Ministries, but is now run by OCH.

Lidia Regino, co-principal investigator for the Tertulias study, is a Health Extension Regional Officer for OCH based in Albuquerque's International District. She also served as the main facilitator for the weekly conversations. "We didn't know what we would face," she said. "Every week was different."

Often, the facilitated chats were relatively lighthearted, covering topics like food, cultural celebrations and books, but on occasion, the discussions could turn dark.

"Through this venue there were women who, by feeling so connected and so heard, they talked about things that they had never talked about with anyone before," Regino said. Some even described surviving sexual assault during their journey across the border from Mexico to the U.S.

"We heard a lot of difficult stories," she said. "You just have to find ways to lead the group in a sense where, 'Let's learn about what this means, let's learn about what this is and then let's find a healing place.'" In such cases, the researchers would follow up with those who had disclosed traumatic events and offer them more extensive support in the form of therapy, she said.

Domestic violence was a pervasive problem affecting many of the participants, Regino said. The facilitators devised safe words and emergency words for women to use to indicate that their abuser was in the room listening to the conversation – or whether they were actively in danger. "We had four or five situations, where they were like, 'OK, he got here. If you see him yank the phone away from me, call the police.'"

Regino said she was inspired by a one participant – a domestic violence survivor – who now works connecting other women to the resources they need, stressing the need for mutual support..

"She said, 'Everywhere you go, you have to come back for the rest,' and so we took that and we said, 'We have to come back for the rest,'" Regino said. "We are making strides. She's teaching us and we are teaching others and we are working together to come back for the rest, and that's what all the women are doing."



Many of the women remained connected via WhatsApp even after their facilitated Zoom meetups concluded, she said. "It wasn't our intention that it was going to grow beyond us," she said. "Now, it's almost like a standalone entity – that's how the women see it. They say to each other, 'I'm a Tertulia,' so it's very important."

Many of the women who participated in the Tertulias project discovered a new sense of engagement and empowerment while experiencing less stress, Page-Reeves said. In 2023, a number of them even helped to co-author a paper for the journal *Women's Health* to provide their perspective on domestic violence.

In addition to gathering personal testimony from the women, the researchers are also looking for objective evidence of stress reduction. The women provided hair samples that are being analyzed by neuroscientist Elaine Bearer, MD, PhD, Distinguished Professor in the UNM Department of Pathology, to gauge circulating levels of cortisol, a stress hormone.

Meanwhile, Page-Reeves is seeking additional funding to further explore how the Tertulias intervention helps participants. She also wants to test a new interactive method for eliciting feedback participants that allows for more nuanced understanding of their responses.

"We're probably going to be making the argument that Tertulias works," she said. "We're no longer looking at efficacy. We now want to explore how and why it works." 🍌

TRIP TO WELLNESS



Testing Psychedelic Drugs as Treatments for Depression, PTSD and More

By Michael Haederle

Psychedelic drugs tend to be associated with 1960s counterculture, but they are attracting renewed attention from physicians and neuroscientists who are studying their potential to help people suffering from an assortment of behavioral health problems.

University of New Mexico Health Sciences researchers are at the forefront of several new studies to evaluate the use of drugs like psilocybin, ketamine and MDMA to treat depression, opioid use disorder, methamphetamine addiction and PTSD.

Two new psilocybin-related studies got underway in 2024, said Larry Leeman, MD, MPH, a professor in the Departments of Family & Community Medicine in the UNM School of Medicine, who also serves as medical director for UNM's Milagro Program.

RECONNECT is a Phase 2 multi-center study of RE104 – a novel compound that's related to psilocybin – for postpartum depression, which affects about 13 percent of new mothers. "The exciting thing about this one is it has the potential to quickly reverse postpartum depression," Leeman said.

Some participants in the double-blind placebo-controlled study receive a one-time injection of the short-acting drug, whose psychedelic effects peak at about 2 1/2 hours, he said.

"It might be useful in cases where a shorter experience might be more useful," Leeman said. While some people experiencing postpartum

depression have a pre-existing mood disorder, many experience it only as an outcome of pregnancy, and might need just one treatment session to recover, he said.

Psilocybin has been shown to have effect on major depression within a few days, which may be particularly beneficial for mothers whose postpartum depression may be affecting maternal-infant bonding. It can only be used for people who are not breastfeeding, however.

RE104 is also being explored for treating patients with life-threatening cancer diagnoses who are experiencing depression and anxiety, he said. Leeman expects UNM will probably participate in that study, starting in 2025.

The other new study, dubbed uAspire, is a Phase 3 randomized, double-blind multicenter project assessing the potential benefits of psilocybin, the active ingredient in so-called "magic mushrooms," for major depressive disorder.

UNM's portion of the study is planned for 15-20 participants, Leeman said. Earlier studies have found that psilocybin trips coupled with therapy can help people rapidly reframe their traumatic memories and alleviate their distress.

The study is designed so that everyone who enters it can eventually receive psilocybin, he said. "This is an issue with randomized controlled trials, especially if you take people that are in emotional pain," he said. Study participants who desperately

hope a trial medication will alleviate their distress may actually feel worse if they receive an inactive placebo. “It’s like a negative placebo – a nocebo,” Leeman said.

UAspire will follow participants for 54 weeks, randomizing some participants to 25 mg of psilocybin – a moderate-to-high dose – while others will receive a smaller 5 mg dose or an inactive placebo. “In six weeks, you get re-scored for depression, and if you meet the criteria then, without anyone knowing what you got in the randomized portion, you become able to be re-dosed in the open label session for a total of four times in the next year,” he said.

“It’s a really pragmatic trial,” Leeman said. “Even if you do your session and don’t feel like you have the active drug, you know that in six weeks if you’re still depressed you’ll receive the 25 mg psilocybin dose. I think this will minimize the likelihood of their depression worsening if they believe they did not receive psilocybin.”

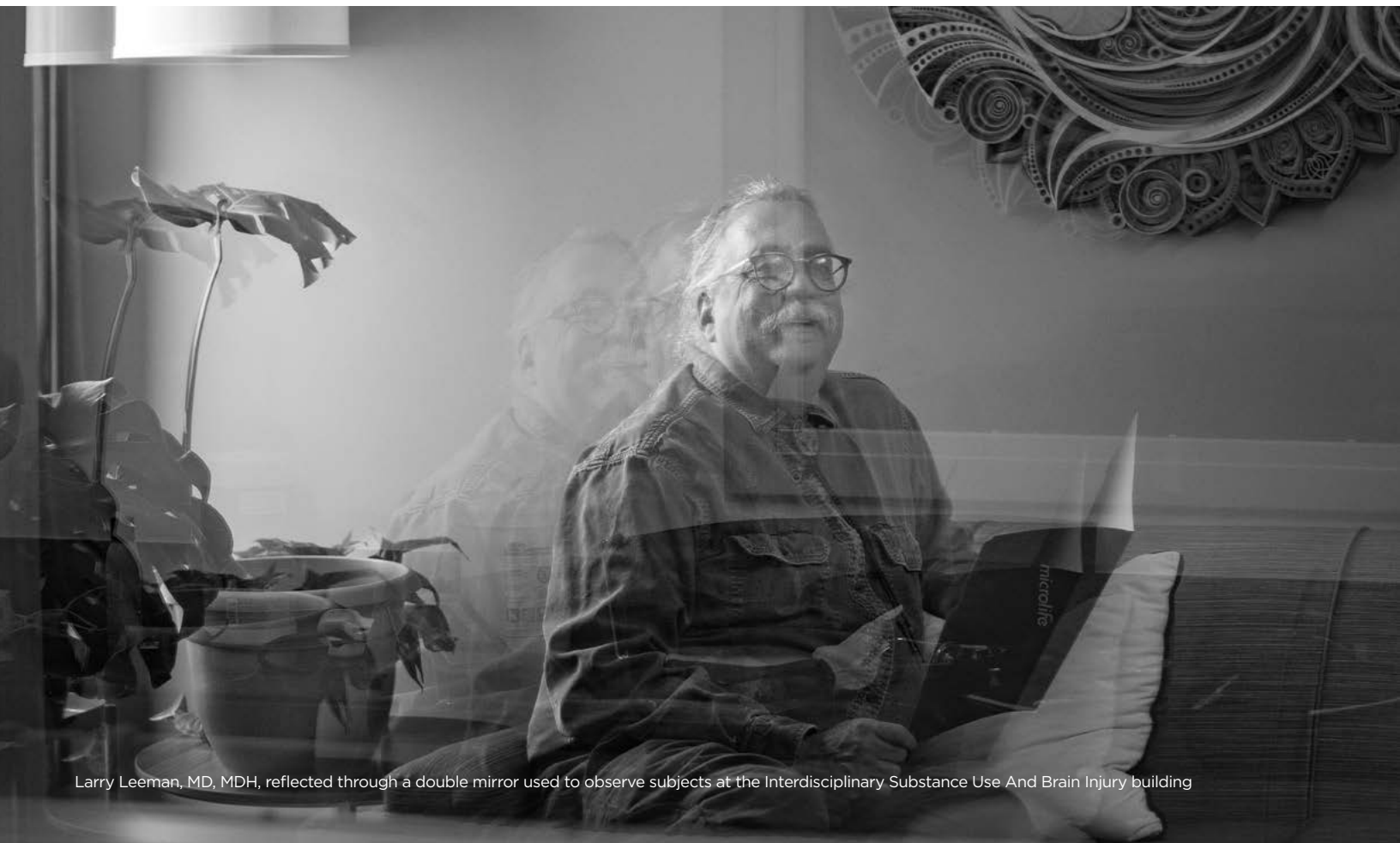
The new studies join Leeman’s existing research project to study whether therapy coupled with MDMA – better known as “Ecstasy” or “Molly” – can help postpartum mothers with opioid use disorder overcome their

addictions. The hope is that MDMA sessions facilitated by trained therapists will alleviate the PTSD symptoms that often drive illicit drug use, Leeman said.

The studies are carried out at the Interdisciplinary Substance Use and Brain Injury Center (ISUBI), adjacent to Pete & Nancy Domenici Hall on UNM’s North Campus, he said. ISUBI can accommodate overnight stays for MDMA-assisted therapy and day-long stays for other psychedelic therapy studies, enabling studies that require patients be observed for a period following their treatment in a safe, supportive setting.

UNM Health Sciences psychedelic research dates back to the early 1990s, when Rick Strassman, MD, an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, studied the therapeutic potential of psilocybin and DMT – the active ingredient in ayahuasca, Leeman said.

More recently, UNM researchers, including Snehal Bhatt, MD, professor of Psychiatry and chief of the Division of Addictions Psychiatry, played a major role in a widely reported 2022 study reporting that psilocybin-assisted therapy helped people overcome alcohol use disorder.



Larry Leeman, MD, MDH, reflected through a double mirror used to observe subjects at the Interdisciplinary Substance Use And Brain Injury building



Snehal Bhatt, MD, looking out of a conference room window at the Interdisciplinary Substance Use And Brain Injury building

Now, Bhatt is taking part in the KMD (Ketamine for Methamphetamine Dependence) study, a multi-site evaluation of ketamine as a treatment for methamphetamine addiction.

Ketamine is not technically a psychedelic, but an anesthetic whose dissociative properties have sometimes led to its abuse as a recreational drug. However, it has also been found to rapidly alleviate depression symptoms.

The safety and efficacy study, run through the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network, involves four sites and seeks to enroll 30 participants at each location over two years, Bhatt said.

“Methamphetamine, in particular, is posing a huge public health challenge,” he said. “Here in New Mexico and around the country the rates are just going up.” At the moment there are few effective treatments for methamphetamine addiction, he said, but there is hope that ketamine might be a game-changer.

“Some artificial intelligence algorithms that NIDA used actually showed that ketamine is one of the more

promising treatment approaches,” Bhatt said. “One of the big priorities at NIDA is co-occurring depression, because you do see that a very high proportion of people using methamphetamine have depression.” Some participants will undergo two 40-minute infusions of ketamine per week for three weeks, then one per week in week 4 and week 6. The others will receive similar infusions of an active placebo called midazolam, a sedative and anesthetic. Participants will be followed for 12 weeks and submit urine samples to reveal whether they had used methamphetamine, he said.

“The primary endpoint is looking at reductions in methamphetamine use within weeks 5 and 6 – that maintenance infusion period at the end of the active treatment,” Bhatt said. “We’ll also be tracking meth use all the way up to week 12. That’s part of the secondary outcome, to see if the effects persist or if they wash away.”

Study participants are being recruited from both UNM and community treatment clinics. “We want to make it available to our patients,” he said. “It’s one of those big, all-hands-on-deck outreach efforts to make those connections, and if someone’s interested, really get them enrolled in a timely way.” 🗨️

Tackling the Challenge of Dementia



Center for Memory & Aging Receives \$21.7 Million Grant to Fund Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

By Michael Haederle

Despite decades of research, scientists remain puzzled by many aspects of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. What defines and distinguishes the different forms of dementia? What drives the disease process – and what can be done about it?

These questions are top of mind at The University of New Mexico's Center for Memory & Aging, which in Spring 2024 received a five-year \$21.7 million program grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to fund its Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC).

Funding for the P30 grant through the National Institute on Aging followed a three-year exploratory grant that UNM received as it sought to become one of 35 research universities in the ADRC network, said Gary Rosenberg, MD, professor in the UNM Department of Neurology and founding director of the New Mexico Center for Memory & Aging, who serves as principal investigator on the grant.

The ADRC network was created in 1984 to provide operational support across the U.S. for multidisciplinary research to better investigate the underlying causes of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and find ways to treat and possibly prevent these diseases.

"The whole point was that no one center was going to get enough information, so they built these centers for collecting behavioral data, imaging data, cerebrospinal

fluid and blood data and pathology data into national repositories," Rosenberg said. "These centers are a major resource for large studies into the cause and prevention of cognitive decline and loss."

Researchers view dementia as a collection of disorders with different causes, with Alzheimer's disease being the most common, he said. UNM researchers are using artificial intelligence techniques to identify key imaging and fluid biomarkers that can distinguish between Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia, for example.

Alzheimer's disease is characterized in part by an abnormal accumulation of amyloid and other proteins that causes inflammation and hinders brain cell function, while vascular dementia occurs when blood vessels are damaged by high blood pressure, diabetes, sleep apnea and other risk factors. This leads to reduced oxygen in the brain, which can cause small strokes.

"We now realize that most people have a combination of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia," Rosenberg said. "When you have both vascular disease and amyloid protein, the inflammation is much worse. That disrupts the blood vessels, leading to more cascading events."

UNM researchers will study ways to reduce the impact of inflammation on disease progression as part of the new ADRC's mission.

Meanwhile, the NIH has in recent years broadened the scope of biomedical research to include groups that have historically been overlooked in studies, including African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans.

For the past several years, the Center for Memory & Aging has conducted brain imaging studies at Zuni and Acoma Pueblos in western New Mexico using a portable MRI scanner mounted in a semi-trailer, accompanied by on-site neuropsychological testing by specially trained tribal members.

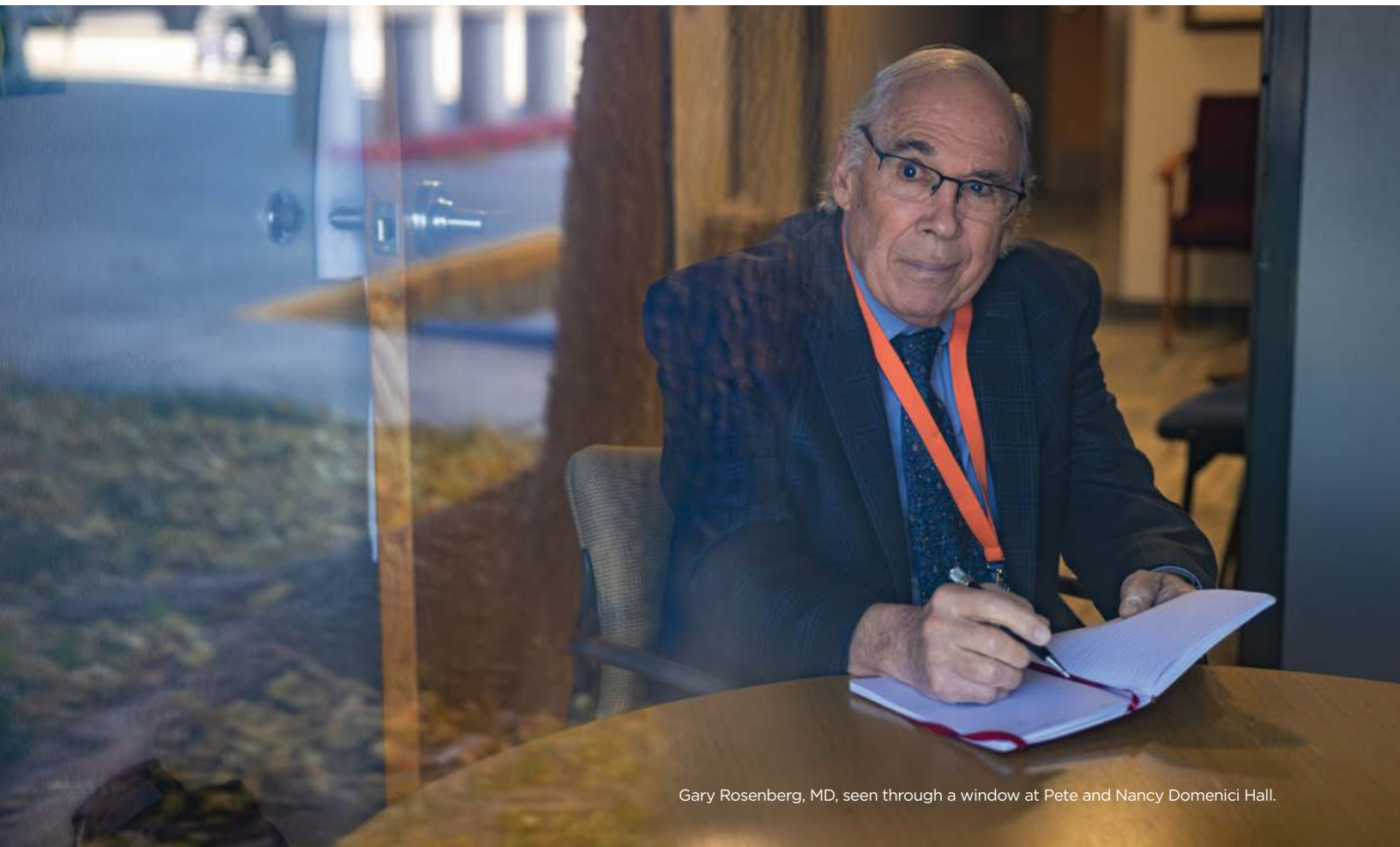
As part of the new grant funding, the ADRC's Outreach, Recruitment and Engagement Core will focus on recruiting study participants from communities throughout the state in hopes of further reducing the disparities related to access to health research.

Rosenberg believes the scope of UNM's research played a role in the NIH decision to award continued funding to UNM's Alzheimer's center, as did the cutting-edge imaging resources housed at the Mind Research Network, located in Pete and Nancy Domenici Hall on UNM's North Campus.

“Our emphasis on being able to work with a large, diverse group was probably a factor, as was our forward-looking thinking about how to eventually treat these diseases by calming inflammation.” - Gary Rosenberg, MD

Rosenberg also credited Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, New Mexico's Congressional delegation, UNM leadership and faculty and the New Mexico chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for supporting the application for the award, which will involve research faculty and staff from both UNM Health Sciences and Central Campus.

“Obtaining this grant was a major team effort and we are all excited by this opportunity,” he said. “These centers have a life of their own once they get going. We've got the snowball built, and now the university and state will have to help us keep it rolling.” 🗨️



Gary Rosenberg, MD, seen through a window at Pete and Nancy Domenici Hall.

CONTINUING THE WORK

A man with glasses and a dark jacket is looking directly at the camera while holding a large glass flask. The background is a laboratory filled with various pieces of equipment, including pipettes, beakers, and storage containers. The lighting is bright, highlighting the man's face and the glassware.

UNM's New Mexico Alcohol Research Center
Receives Renewed Grant Funding to Study
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Fernando Valenzuela, MD, PhD, examines a flask in his University of New Mexico's Health Sciences laboratory

By Michael Haederle

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is widespread in New Mexico and across the nation, affecting about one in 20 U.S. school-aged children, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This condition truly falls along a “spectrum,” with effects ranging from severe intellectual disability to more subtle cognitive and behavioral impairments, but the common denominator is prenatal exposure to alcohol.

Researchers at the New Mexico Alcohol Research Center (NMARC) at The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center have been studying FASD since 2008 in hopes of better understanding how it affects the brain. In 2024, the center received a five-year, \$7.3 million extension of its National Institutes of Health program grant to support its ongoing research.

“We’re looking at mechanisms responsible for the effects of alcohol on the brain,” said center director C. Fernando Valenzuela, MD, PhD, professor in the Department of Neurosciences in the UNM School of Medicine. “We mainly focus on neurological, behavioral and neuro-psychiatric deficits.”

It’s the most prevalent neurodevelopmental disorder, and in theory, it’s completely preventable, Valenzuela said.

But because many women of reproductive age drink alcohol, and because it can take a month for a woman to know she is pregnant, the developing fetus can receive significant alcohol exposure before the expectant mother has had a chance to alter her consumption.

The grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism represents the third round of full funding for the center, he said. Researchers affiliated with the center have searched for unique biomarkers to diagnose the condition and evaluated potential therapeutic interventions such as music training, the use of special video games and other exercises thought to enhance cognition.

The next phase will focus on some of the unique deficits experienced by those living with FASD.

“We’re trying to understand how alcohol exposure in utero affects visual spatial memory and cognitive flexibility,” Valenzuela said. “Sometimes, memory is not so good and the ability to learn things related to space and time can be impaired.”

NMARC brings together faculty members from across UNM Health Sciences and the University at large, including the Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, the College of Pharmacy and the Department of Psychology, he said. It also has a partnership with researchers at the Mind Research Network, who provide critical neuro-imaging support.

NMARC also partners with the UNM Center for Development & Disability (CDD) in the Department of Pediatrics, Valenzuela said. Because CDD provides important clinical care for children and adolescents with developmental disorders, it serves as an important pathway for recruiting participants in neuroimaging studies and helps to inform research priorities.

“The human work is informing our laboratory studies,” he said. “That’s the strength of the center. They tell us, ‘Look, this is what we’re seeing in the clinic. These are the problems we are facing.’ Then we focus and try to research on that.”

Valenzuela emphasizes that individuals with FASD have many strengths.

“The field is shifting in recognizing that,” he said. “They have tremendous abilities that we can foster and facilitate and enrich. The reason we are shifting is because we are getting more and more people with FASD at the table with us, working in advisory meetings.”

NMARC is also an important resource for the University and New Mexico as a whole, he said, because it generates employment for scientists, research technicians and students and provides important training opportunities, he said.

“I’m very excited for the field and what we can contribute to help with this condition,” Valenzuela said. “I’m also excited to be working with this talented group of scientists and trainees to do something really good that for the field.” 🍷

INVENTIVE FACULTY

Health Sciences Researchers Make Their Mark as UNM Rainforest Innovation Fellows

The University of New Mexico Rainforest Innovations board of directors established the annual Rainforest Innovation Fellows Award to honor UNM inventors whose work has led to commercialization activities.

UNM Health Sciences researchers have been well represented since the award was created in 2010.

The Rainforest Innovation Fellow Award recognizes the impact of new technologies resulting in substantial

benefit to the public. A review committee selects Innovation Fellows based on new technologies disclosed, patents received, license and option agreements entered into, new companies started and income generated from these technologies. The award includes an honorarium of \$2,500, a booklet outlining a summary of the metrics and impact of the awardee's technologies and a commemorative gift.

The UNM Health Sciences Rainforest Innovations Fellows include:



Karin Westlund High '23, PhD
Professor and Vice Chair for
Research

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Critical Care Medicine
School of Medicine

Karin Westlund High's research focuses on finding non-opioid therapeutics to relieve chronic pain. She is among the earliest members of the American Pain Society, the U.S. chapter of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), which is dedicated to advancing multidisciplinary pain care, education, advocacy and research to improve people's quality of life. She has served as associate editor for the Pharmacology section of Pain, the IASP professional journal, and in 2008 she won the IASP's Fred Kerr Career Research Award. She received her PhD in physiology and biophysics from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She is a distinguished professor and the Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine at the UNM School of Medicine, and is a Research Physiologist at the New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health

Care System in Albuquerque. Her lab has patented two non-opioid small single chain antibodies that significantly inhibit targets upregulated in chronic neuropathic pain. A single dose of one antibody returns pain- anxiety- and depression-like behaviors to baseline. The project has received National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense and VA Merit grant funding. Her previous studies have been continuously funded and appear in 182 published manuscripts, cited 11,645 times. Live cell calcium and ROS imaging, neurochemical, gene therapy, molecular, pharmacological, electrophysiological, fMRI, behavioral, immunocytochemical, cell culture and neuropathological approaches are utilized. Major findings include shared discovery of previously unknown visceral pain pathways with collaborating neurosurgeons, feed-forward neurogenic loops ("vicious cycles") induced in peripheral sensory nerves and the spinal cord that amplify both inflammation and pain, and switch from inhibition to facilitation of pain- and anxiety-related behaviors during the transition from acute to chronic pain states. She has provided numerous contributions to the education of graduate, medical and dental students, primarily through medical and dental neuroscience courses.



Eric Prossnitz '21, PhD
Distinguished Professor and Chief,
Division of Molecular Medicine
Department of Internal Medicine
School of Medicine

Eric Prossnitz and his team have identified new drugs that are currently in clinical trials for cancer patients. After centering his early studies of chemotactic immune receptor function, he shifted his research focus to understanding the actions of estrogen through a novel target, G protein-coupled estrogen receptors (GPCR), a large group of evolutionarily related cell surface proteins that detect molecules outside the cell and activate cellular responses. More than 125 GPCRs are targets for FDA-approved drugs, serving as the target for about 700 approved drugs. His studies have led to the first clinical trial of a UNM-developed drug conducted at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. He has received continuous NIH funding since 1994, for a total of more than \$50 million in funding at UNM as

PI or Co-PI. He has authored more than 220 peer-reviewed articles and reviews, with more than 22,000 citations. His research has led to the disclosure of 18 technologies at UNM Rainforest Innovations, eight U.S. issued patents and three pending patents. Prossnitz received his PhD in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1989, and carried out postdoctoral training at the Scripps Clinic and Research Institute, where he received his first faculty appointment in 1994. In 1997 Prossnitz was recruited to the UNM Department of Cell Biology & Physiology, and in 2015 the Department of Internal Medicine. He has been a program leader at the UNM Cancer Center since 2008, a module lead in the UNM Clinical & Translational Science Center since 2010 and Chief of the Division of Molecular Medicine since 2018. He has also led components of the New Mexico INBRE and Mountain West Clinical & Translational Research Infrastructure Network, and is the academic lead for the ASCEND Accelerator Hub that promotes entrepreneurship and commercialization of university basic and translational science for the seven Western IDeA states.



Angela Wandinger-Ness '19, PhD
Professor Emerita
Department of Pathology
School of Medicine

Angela Wandinger-Ness has elucidated the mechanisms underlying autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease and relationships to oral-cranio-facial disease. She also developed strategies for kidney regeneration through the use of stem cells and decellularized scaffolds. She has studied enzymes called GTPases – molecular switches that regulate how cells break down, organize, move around and attach to one another. Mutated Ras proteins are the key targets in cancer therapeutics development, because they are implicated in more than 30% of human cancers. In addition, other small GTPases in the Ras superfamily, such as Rac and Rho subfamilies, play a role in cancer progression and metastasis. Rac1, an oncoprotein that mutates and dysregulates in many cancers, is associated with poor prognosis and drug resistance in ovarian, breast, colon and other cancers. Wandinger-Ness and her team

discovered that a component of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug ketorolac acts on GTPases in ovarian cancer cells to keep the cells from growing and spreading. Wandinger-Ness found it conferred a huge survival benefit for ovarian cancer patients who were given ketorolac for pain after surgery. One component of the drug, S-ketorolac, is the pain reliever; the other component, R-ketorolac, acts as an anti-cancer drug. Wandinger-Ness established R-ketorolac as a Rac1 and Cdc42 (a Rho GTPase) inhibitor and showed their therapeutic benefits for ovarian cancer patients. She joined the UNM Department of Pathology faculty in 1999 and holds numerous awards for teaching and research. She has authored more than 90 peer-reviewed articles and reviews and has disclosed 19 technologies and received six U.S. issued. Her laboratory has been extramurally funded since 1993 through NIH, National Science Foundation and a variety of private foundations, totaling 39 grants as PI and \$23 million dollars in direct costs. She is the recipient of a Women in Technology Award and is a five-time STC Innovation Awardee.

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Bryce Chackerian '17, PhD
Regents' Professor &
Jeffrey Michael Gorvetzian
Endowed Professor
Department of Molecular Genetics
& Microbiology
School of Medicine

As a postdoctoral fellow studying virology and immunology at the National Cancer Institute Bryce Chackerian studied virus-like particles (VLPs) as vehicles for developing vaccines. The idea was to essentially fool the immune system into thinking that it was experiencing a viral infection and so generate large amounts of antibodies to self-peptides displayed on the virus surface. In 2004, Chackerian joined the UNM Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, where his laboratory focuses on using VLPs for vaccine development. He works closely with David Peabody, an expert in the structure and function of bacterial viruses, to construct VLPs from RNA bacteriophages (viruses that infect bacteria). VLPs are nanostructures that lack the viral genetic material necessary for infection, but they retain their external structure for repetitive, high-density antigen display that mimic the organization



David Peabody '17, PhD
Professor
Department of Molecular Genetics
& Microbiology
School of Medicine

David Peabody is a world-renowned expert in the structure and function of bacterial viruses.

At UNM, he has partnered with Bryce Chackerian in the development of vaccines using virus-like particles (VLPs). As a postdoctoral fellow studying biochemistry at the Stanford University Medical School, Peabody focused on gene regulation in mammalian cells and artificially constructed recombinants. He then turned to analyzing the genetic and biochemical relationship between coat protein structure and its ability to specifically recognize RNA as a model for virus assembly. Peabody joined the UNM's Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology in 1984. He showed that it is possible to fuse two polypeptide chains of the MS2 viral coat protein. This molecule functions in

of native viruses but are unable to replicate. There are many places on the structure where the antigen or antibody can attach. VLPs can be grown in large amounts and have a naturally encapsidated single-stranded RNA. The genetic material of the antigen is inserted into the VLP and displayed on its surface. Using bacteriophage MS2 VLPs, the inventors can display specific epitopes on their surface and test for an immune response. They have created very large, diverse libraries of VLPs that display random peptide (small antigen) sequences. With a suitable immune response, the VLP becomes the vaccine. Using this flexible platform with an expanding number of available monoclonal antibodies, Chackerian has identified VLPs that induce neutralizing antibodies against pathogens, such as human papillomavirus; Nipah virus; blood-stage malaria; Staphylococcus aureus (including the antibiotic-resistant MRSA strain) and respiratory syncytial virus. They have also engineered vaccines targeting LDL cholesterol and triglycerides associated with heart disease and tau proteins associated with Alzheimer's disease and traumatic brain injuries.

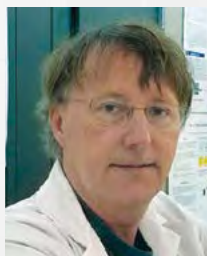
the phage lifecycle as a non-covalent dimer, but he showed it would work successfully if the dimer is made of conjoined monomers. He went on to use the fused dimer system to interrogate the coat protein-genomic RNA interaction. RNA phages depend on multiple coat protein dimer-genomic RNA contacts - termed the packaging signal-mediated assembly. The highest affinity-packaging signal is a piece of RNA that forms a structure known as a stem-loop that binds across both monomers of a coat protein dimer. By mutating one-half of his fused dimer at a time, Peabody defined the RNA binding sites in each half of the dimer. He then showed that genetic dimerization of the coat protein allowed him to insert foreign peptide epitopes into the three-dimensional structure of the protein so that it did not prevent assembly into VLPs. He later showed that MS2 assembled with the fused coat protein dimer could be used for peptide display - a landmark achievement in the field for single-stranded RNA viruses. This worked helped set the stage for his collaboration with Chackerian to develop VLP-based vaccines for a host of diseases and chronic health conditions.



Cheryl Willman '15, MD
Distinguished Professor
Departments of Pathology
& Internal Medicine
School of Medicine

Cheryl Willman is a cancer biologist who since 2021 has served as executive director of Mayo Clinic Cancer Programs at the Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center while retaining her faculty affiliation with UNM. Willman trained as a pathologist at the Mayo Medical School and completed her internship, residency and fellowship at UNM, joining the School of Medicine faculty in 1982. She was appointed director and CEO of the UNM Cancer Center in November 1999. Under her stewardship, the Cancer Center was awarded a five-year National Cancer Institute P20 Cancer Center Planning Grant in 2000. Five years later, the Center succeeded on its first attempt at NCI Designation and was awarded an NCI P30 CCSG grant. The Center underwent a highly successful competitive renewal in 2010 and has gone on to receive Comprehensive designation. Her UNM

research group focused mainly on characterizing and targeting therapies for leukemia by looking at gene expression patterns and underlying genetic events. Willman's lab studied Hispanic and Native American children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) who have a very poor response to standard therapies and low survival rates (30 to 50 percent). Using next-generation genetic sequencing to identify active genes in cancer cells, the researchers discovered that these children have a particular form of leukemia called Philadelphia-like (Ph-like) ALL, caused by a genetic mutation (also affecting adult ALL patients) that non-Hispanic and non-Native American children do not have. Several new therapeutic targets and diagnostics resulted from this research that have been tested in clinical trials and led to several patents and pending patents. The UNM Cancer Center, which received FDA approval for a novel diagnostic in a national study of 4,000 leukemia patients, is using genetic sequencing to search for the mutations associated with Ph-like ALL that can be targeted by existing cancer drugs that are effective against these mutations, leading to new clinical trials.



Graham Timmins '13, PhD
Associate Professor
Department of
Pharmaceutical Sciences
College of Pharmacy

Graham Timmins is an expert in medicinal chemistry, a multidisciplinary science that combines synthetic organic chemistry, pharmacology and other biological specialties to design and develop drugs to treat disease. His research focuses on using stable isotope-labeled compounds to develop new drugs and diagnostics and to study free radical biology in melanoma and infectious disease. He has developed innovative breath-test technologies to diagnose and monitor cystic fibrosis, ventilator-associated pneumonia and tuberculosis infections. Test results are available within 10 minutes of inhaling a tracer compound (urea) made from a non-radioactive carbon isotope. The pathogen breaks down the urea into carbon dioxide, which can be detected in the patient's exhaled breath.

The breath test samples the entire lung non-invasively and can rapidly diagnose in cystic fibrosis patients the onset of first infection by chronic *P. aeruginosa* and monitor its conversion to a mucoid, drug-resistant strain. Rapid diagnosis is critical to delaying the conversion of *P. aeruginosa* to its mucoid strain, because conversion leads to the lung damage that causes progressive disability and a shortened life span for these patients. Timmins has also developed technologies that improve the efficacy of isoniazid, an antibiotic that has been used to treat active and drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis since 1952. He discovered that the drug can be rendered more potent against the pathogen by using its isotopically labeled derivatives in combination with a low strength magnetic field. Timmins has also explored the hypothesis that that ultraviolet A (UVA) – the tanning rays in sunlight – is likely a major cause of melanoma, as opposed to UVB light, which causes sunburn. He has made significant contributions to the field using electron paramagnetic resonance spectrometry to explore how UV light affects melanin (skin pigment) and leads to the formation of melanoma.



Larry Sklar '11, PhD
Distinguished Professor Emeritus
Department of Pathology
School of Medicine

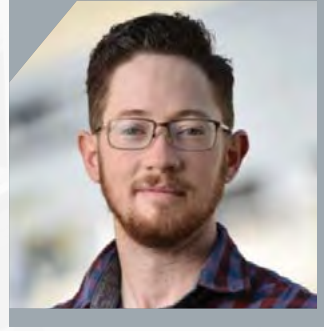
Larry Sklar was honored for his work as an innovator at the UNM Health Sciences Center. During his time at UNM he disclosed

more than 50 technologies, received 19 patents and copyrights, had his technologies licensed to 11 companies and had two startup companies created around his inventions, including Intellicyt Corp., an Albuquerque company that sells his HyperCyt® platform technology for flow cytometers. As head of the New Mexico Molecular Screening Center, he worked to transform flow cytometry technology into the benchmark for high throughput flow cytometry. Flow cytometers measure cell fluorescence as cells in a sample flow very rapidly in single file through a laser beam that excites fluorescent probes attached to the cells. Flow cytometers can analyze 50,000-70,000 cells per second and the fluorescence on 16 probes

per cell. But traditional flow cytometers can't measure multiple collections of cells rapidly. The HyperCyt® platform speeds up the process of analyzing multiple cell collections. The platform technology also increases a cytometer's ability to look at multiple targets on cells simultaneously. Researchers in the group studied how transporter molecules in cancer cells protect those cells from chemotherapy drugs, and how a similar process centered around quorum sensing in a strain of Staphylococcus bacterium makes it resistant to antibiotics. Researchers test molecules in the Center's molecular library to find compounds that can be used to solve these biological conundrums. Future applications of the HyperCyt® technology could lead to a quick and effective way to find a compound that will either enhance the effect of chemotherapy drugs on cancer cells or act as an effective agent itself for patients whose cancers are drug resistant. Sklar's lab collaborated with the other eight national NIH-funded molecular-screening centers around the nation as well as with scientists and engineers from Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories and internationally.



Ian Marshall Adams, PhD Candidate
 Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine
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Cell biology, cell signaling, cellular and molecular oncology.
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Jacob Anderson, PhD
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Investigating the role of endothelial membrane cholesterol in regulating vascular activity.
 Mentor: Jay Naik, PhD



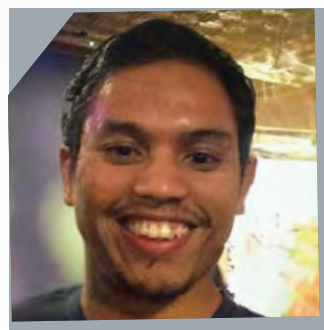
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Leveraging artificial intelligence to predict gene, mutation and drug interactions for advancing precision medicine deleterious consequences.
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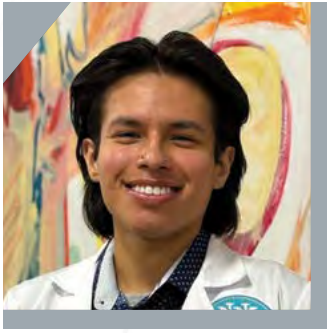
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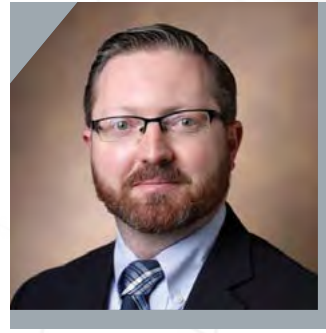
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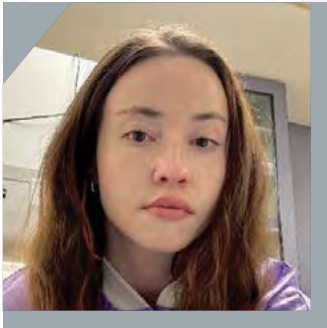
Christian Cabanlong, PhD
 Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
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Elucidating the genes involved in iron-dependent cell death that may serve as targets in the treatment of colorectal cancer.
 Mentors: Sarah Blossom, PhD; Xiang Xue, PhD; Angela Wandinger-Ness, PhD; Jim Niforatos, PhD



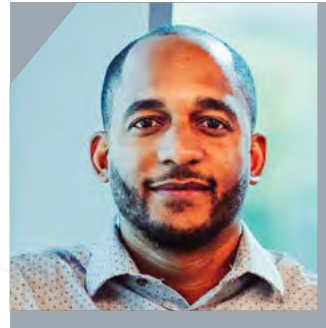
Matthew Cabrales, PhD Candidate
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T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Infectious disease, therapeutic discovery, cancer biology.
Mentor: Michelle Ozbun, PhD



Ross Clark, MD, MBA
Surgery
KL2 Scholar, NCATS
*Wound healing and angiogenesis in diabetes and obesity.
Hydrogen sulfide biology and signaling in angiogenesis.
Microplastics in vascular lesions.*
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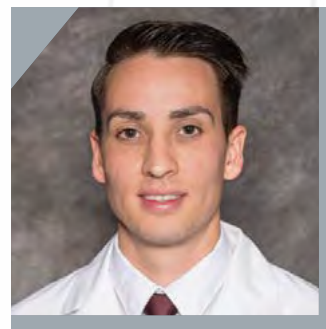
Andrea Corbet, PhD
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the innate immune response protein STING in ovarian cancer.*
Mentors: Sarah Adams, MD; Eric Prossnitz, PhD



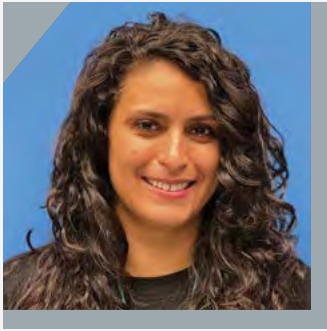
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Mentor: Nikki Jernigan, PhD



Alexandra Francian, PhD
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viruses using virus-like particle vaccine platforms.*
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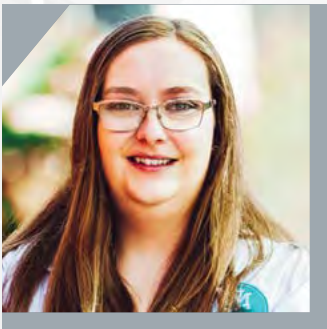
Marcus Garcia, PharmD, RPh
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*Elucidating the health impacts of environmental
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metals, that are present human tissues.*
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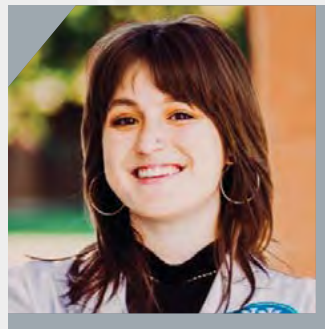
Selina Garcia, PhD
 Cell Biology & Physiology
 T32 Scholar, NHLBI
Cardiovascular physiology
 Mentors: Laura Gonzalez Bosc, PhD, and Nikki Jernigan, PhD



Naomi George, MD, MPH
 Emergency Medicine
 KL2 Scholar, NCATS
Adapting and testing social care interventions for the ICU and identifying promising implementation strategies for future effectiveness-implementation testing.
 Mentors: Larissa Myaskovsky PhD; Mark Unruh MD; Janet Page-Reeves PhD



Baley Goodson, PhD Candidate
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 T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Mechanisms of lysosomal BMP alterations in SARS-CoV2 infection.
 Mentor: Jing Pu, PhD



Devon Hatcher, PhD Candidate
 Neurosciences
 T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Spreading depolarizations and mild traumatic brain injuries
 Mentors: Nancy Kanagy, PhD; Russell A. Morton, PhD



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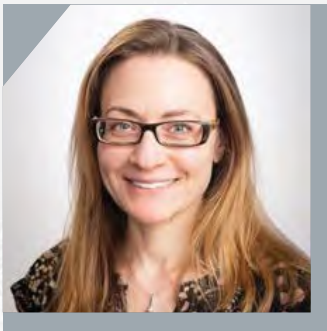
Andzoa Jamus, PhD Candidate
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Development and optimization of bacteriophage virus-like particle vaccines against Infectious and non-infectious pathogens.
 Mentor: Kathryn Fietze, PhD



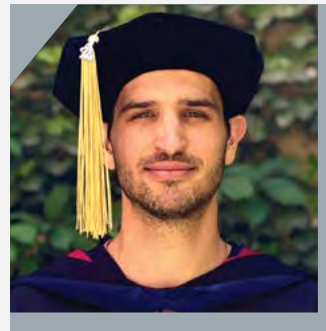
David Jones, PhD Candidate
Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine
T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Plasma membrane cholesterol regulation of the L-type transport protein Lat1 and DRG sensory neuron excitability in chronic neuropathic pain.
Mentor: Sascha Alles, PhD



Randy Ko, MD/PhD Candidate
Internal Medicine
F31 Scholar, NIDDK
Studying molecular mechanisms of estrogen signaling through the G protein-coupled estrogen receptor and the role this receptor plays in obesity, lipid metabolism and wound healing.
Mentors: Eric Prossnitz, PhD; Meilian Liu, PhD



Jamie Krashin, MD, MSCR
Obstetrics & Gynecology
KL2 Scholar, NCATS
Understanding and addressing disparities in early pregnancy complications in rural New Mexico.
Mentors: Larissa Myaskovsky, PhD;
Cathleen Willging, PhD; Yuko Komesu, MD



Benjamin Lantz, PhD Candidate
Cell Biology & Physiology
T32 Scholar, NHLBI
T regulatory-T helper 17 cell balance in chronic hypoxia-induced pulmonary hypertension.
Mentor: Laura Gonzalez Bosc, PhD



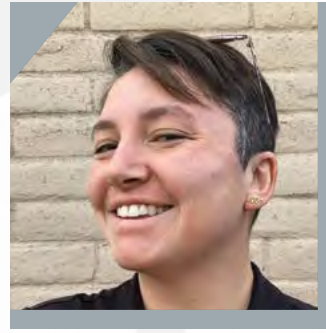
Angela Littlefield, PhD Candidate
Pathology
T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Cancer biology; cell signaling; biophysics; membrane receptor.
Mentor: Diane Lidke, PhD



Monica Long, PhD Candidate
Cell Biology & Physiology
T32 Scholar; NHLBI
Studying brain microvascular endothelial cell permeability and angiogenesis in a 3D model of the neurovascular unit.
Mentor: Amy Gardiner, PhD



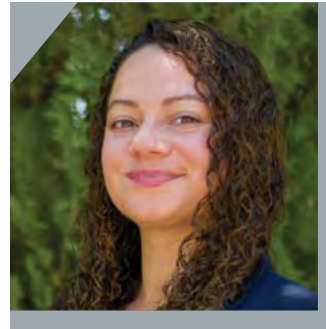
Brianna Maes, PhD Candidate
 Internal Medicine
 T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Microbiology and infectious diseases
 Mentor: Eliseo Castillo, PhD



Caitlin McPherson, PhD
 Pathology
 Postdoctoral Fellow, ASERT, NIGMS
Utilizing bio-archaeological methodology to examine the relationship between stress events and impacts on growth, disease susceptibility and mortality risk across the lifespan.
 Mentors: Heather Edgar, PhD; Lexi O'Donnell, PhD; Christine Woods, PhD; Todd Nims, MS



Jorge Moreno, PhD Candidate
 Pharmaceutical Sciences
 T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Investigating mechanisms of autoimmune development after exposure to heavy-metal rich mine dust in populations living adjacent to abandoned uranium mines.
 Mentor: Alicia Bolt, PhD



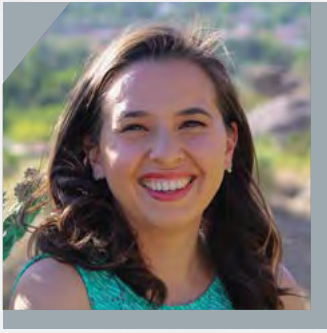
Kimberly Morrissey, PhD
 Molecular Genetics & Microbiology
 Postdoctoral Fellow, ASERT, NIGMS
T cell responses related to their mobility and metabolism in the context of infection.
 Mentors: Judy Cannon, PhD; Bryce C. Chackerian, PhD; Heather Simpson, PhD



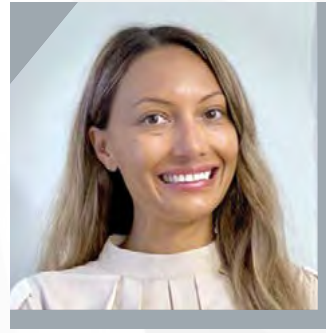
Roberto Mota Alvidrez, MD, MS
 Pharmaceutical Sciences
KL2 Scholar, NCATS
Studying the mechanistic response elements of HMGB1 regulation of Type 2 diabetes-related hyperglycemia; advancing knowledge of HMGB1 as a therapeutic target in hyperglycemia related to insulin resistance.
 Mentors: Barry Bleske, PharmD; Jaya Rajaiya, PhD



Madison Otero, PhD Candidate
 Neurosciences
 T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Genetics and data science
 Mentor: Amy Gardiner, PhD



Erica Pascetti, PhD Candidate
 Pathology
 T32 Scholar, NHLBI
Hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells
 Mentor: Jennifer Gillette, PhD



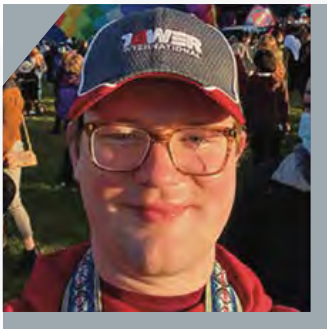
Sumira Phatak, PhD
 Pharmaceutical Sciences
 Postdoctoral Fellow, ASERT, NIGMS
Understanding the biological impact of common environmental insults, including gestational ozone exposure, ingested plastics and wildfire smoke, on health and aging.
 Mentors: Matthew Campen, PhD; Shahani Noor, PhD, Julie In, PhD, Avis James PhD; Todd Nims, MS



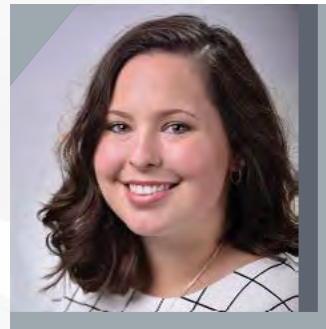
Jaclyn A. Rivas, PhD Candidate
 Internal Medicine
 T32 Scholar, NIGMS
The pathogenic role of the colonic epithelium in the etiology of metabolic diseases
 Mentor: Eliseo F. Castillo, PhD



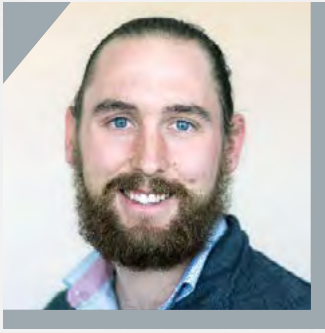
Jay Salinas, PhD Candidate
 Internal Medicine
 T32 Scholar, NIGMS
Cellular and molecular biology, immunology, virology, cancer biology.
 Mentor: Jingyue Cassano, PhD



Andrew Skidmore, PhD
 Internal Medicine
 Postdoctoral Fellow, ASERT, NIGMS
Elucidating whether the deer mouse microbiome could influence the transmission of Sin Nombre hantavirus virus to humans. Surveillance of hantaviruses and other viruses in wild rodents.
 Mentors: Steven Bradfute, PhD; Joseph Cook, PhD; Todd Nims, MS



Megan Tuineau, PhD Candidate
 Cell Biology & Physiology
 T32 Scholar, NHLBI
Determining the mechanisms and effects of altered subcellular localization of acid-sensing ion channel 1a in pulmonary arterial smooth muscle cells from rodent models of chronic hypoxia-induced pulmonary hypertension.
 Mentor: Nikki Jernigan, PhD



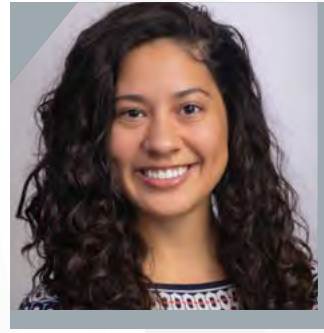
Taylor W. Uselman, PhD Candidate

Pathology

F99/K00 Scholar, NINDS

Development and deployment of neuroimaging and neuromodulation technologies combined with advanced analytical techniques to both map and modulate brain states in health and disease.

Mentor: Elaine L. Bearer, MD, PhD



Miriam Vélez-Bermúdez, PhD, MPH

Internal Medicine

T32 Scholar, NHLBI

Addressing health equity and psychosocial issues across the kidney care continuum among patients with kidney disease.

Mentor: Larissa Myaskovsky, PhD



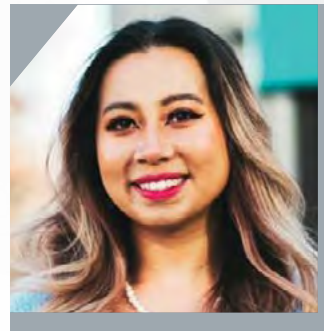
Jordan Weisend, PhD

Neurosciences

T32 Scholar, NHLBI

Mechanisms of injury and adaptive plasticity of neuronal tissue following spreading depolarization.

Mentor: C. William Shuttleworth, PhD



Gaokhia Yang, PhD Candidate

Neurosciences

T32 Scholar, NIGMS

Neurosciences, with a focus on synaptic plasticity in learning and memory

Mentor: Samuel McKenzie, PhD



Sydnee Yazzie, PhD Candidate

Nursing

T32 Scholar NIGMS

Systemic inflammatory responses to woodsmoke exposure and possible role of ovarian hormones in mediating responses.

Mentor: Katherine Zychowski, PhD

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARDS 2024

Six University of New Mexico Health Sciences faculty members were honored on Nov. 5, 2024, with UNM's 16th annual Excellence in Research Awards.

The scientists received the awards in a ceremony held at the Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education. Each was nominated by their peers, said Hengameh Raissy, PharmD, Interim Vice President for Research, Health Sciences.

"These awards highlight the crucial role of research in advancing science and nurturing the next generation of scientists," Raissy said. "They enable us to honor individuals across the entire research spectrum, from basic and pre-clinical studies to clinical trials, population science and implementation."

The awards were presented in six categories.



Chuck Wiggins, PhD

Internal Medicine, *Population Science*

Chuck Wiggins, PhD, a tenured professor in the Division of Epidemiology, Biostatistics & Preventive Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, received the Population Science Research award. Over more than 40 years, he has developed a strong record of advancing knowledge in cancer epidemiology, particularly among New Mexico's Hispanic and American Indian populations. He is a key resource for the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center and groups focused on cancer registries and cancer epidemiology.



Nancy Kanagy, PhD

Cell Biology & Physiology, *Team Science*

Nancy Kanagy, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Cell Biology & Physiology, received the Team Science award. Her work focuses on the role of endogenous hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) in endothelial cell signaling in health and disease. Her team discovered the novel pathway by which H₂S causes vascular dilation through autocrine actions in the endothelium by activating TRPV4 channels linked to a poorly understood pathway of endothelial large conductance-Ca²⁺ activated potassium channels (BKCa).



Changjian (Jim) Feng, PhD

College of Pharmacy, *Basic Science*

Changjian (Jim) Feng, PhD, professor and assistant dean for Research in the College of Pharmacy, received the Basic Science Research award. He studies the biophysical mechanisms underlying the function of nitric oxide synthase, a major protein in cardiovascular and neurological disease research. He aims to develop a collective knowledge of multidomain proteins by applying novel biophysical and computational tools to decipher fundamental principles underlying many reactions catalyzed by these enzymes.



Ursa Brown-Glaberman, MD

Internal Medicine, *Clinical Science*

Ursa Brown-Glaberman, MD, an associate professor and vice chief for Faculty Development in the Division of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Internal Medicine, received the Clinical Science award. She provides clinical care to breast and gastrointestinal cancer patients and cancer genomic sequencing for American Indian patients, leading to greater access to clinical trial and research. Since joining UNM in 2013, she has accrued 725 individual patients to clinical trials, including 431 to NCI-funded NCTN trials.



Donald Godwin, PhD

College of Pharmacy, *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*

Donald Godwin, PhD, professor and dean of the UNM College of Pharmacy, received the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning award. His extensive contributions to educational scholarship reflect a lasting commitment to improving teaching and learning in pharmacy education. He has been instrumental in the development and implementation of noteworthy educational programs. He spearheaded the “Diversifying the Healthcare Pipeline” project, which focuses on increasing awareness, recruitment and retention of diverse student populations in the pharmacy profession.



Alison Kell, PhD

Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, *Junior Faculty*

Alison Kell, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, received the Junior Faculty Research award. She studies the molecular interactions driving hantavirus pathogenesis in humans, investigating the virus-host interactions in human and reservoir host cells associated with innate immune activation, endothelial cell dysfunction and vascular inflammation. She has demonstrated that hantavirus infection within the natural rodent reservoir host does not elicit innate immune activation, in contrast to hantavirus infections in humans.

University of New Mexico Health Sciences research centers and institutes play a prominent role in many critical national networks. We thank the directors, faculty, staff and students who enrich the work of these groups. These entities include a range of research cores and shared facilities. Here's an overview:

Extramurally Funded Centers & Institutes

UNM Clinical & Translational Science Center (NIH, ULTR001449, Pandhi/Campen)
 UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center (NIH, P30CA118100, Sanchez)
 The New Mexico Integrative Science Program Incorporating Research in Environmental Sciences Center (NM-INSPIRES) (NIH, P30ES032755, Blossom)
 Autophagy, Inflammation & Metabolism Center (NIH/COBRE, P20GM121176, Deretic)
 Center for Brain Recovery & Repair (NIH/COBRE, P20GM109089, Shuttleworth)
 New Mexico Alcohol Research Center (NIH, P50AA022534, Valenzuela)
 Transdisciplinary Research, Engagement & Equity Center for Advancing Behavioral Health (NIH, U54MD004811, Cacari-Stone/Cruz/Verney)
 Center for Metals in Biology & Medicine (NIH/COBRE, P20GM120422, Campen)
 Center for Native American Environmental Health Equity Research (NIH P50MD015706, MacKenzie/Hoover/Lewis)
 Metal Exposure Toxicity Assessment on Tribal Lands in the Southwest Superfund Research Center (NIH P42ES025589, Cerrato)
 New Mexico Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (NIH P30AG086404, Rosenberg)
 Center for Development & Disability (various sponsors, Moriarta)
 Understanding Risk Gradients from Environment of Native American Child Health Trajectories: Toxicants, Immunomodulation, Metabolic Syndromes, & Metal Exposure (NIH, UG3OD023344, MacKenzie/Lewis)
 HEALTHy Brain and Child Development National Consortium (NIH, U01DA055359, Bakhireva/Leeman)
 Surveillance Epidemiology & End Results Program (NCI/SEER, 261201800141, Wiggins)
 Prevention Research Center (CDC, U48DP006379, Davis)
 IDeA State Pediatric Clinical Trials Network (NIH, UG1OD024947-03, Raissy/Kong)
 Project ECHO (various sponsors, Arora)

NIDA Clinical Trials Network, Southwest Node (NIH, UG1DA049468, Page)
 Knowledge Management Center for Illuminating the Druggable Genome (NIH, U24CA224370, Edwards)
 Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Minority/Underserved Community Sites (NIH, UG1CA189856, Muller)
 Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Cooperative Multicenter Neonatal Research Network (NIH, UG1HD053089, Fuller)
 Southwestern Stroke Alliance Regional Coordinating Center (U24NS135280, Girotra/Torbey)
 Advancing Clinical Research in Ovarian Cancer (DOD, HT9425-24-1-0547, Adams)

Other Centers, Institutes & Networks

Center for Accelerating Dissemination & Implementation Science (Adsul)
 Center for Infectious Disease & Immunity (Wu)
 Center for Disaster Medicine (Banks)
 Institute for Ethics (Bolton)
 Center for Forensic Imaging (Adolphi)
 Center for Global Health (Perkins)
 Center for HPV Prevention (Wheeler)
 Center for Memory & Aging (Rosenberg)
 Center for Molecular Discovery (Buranda)
 Center for Native American Health (Parker)
 Institute for Resilience, Health & Justice (Girardet)
 Center for Health Equity & Preparedness (Couig)
 Center for Healthcare Equity in Kidney Disease (Myaskovsky)
 Center for Participatory Research (Wallerstein)
 Center of Excellence for Orthopedic Surgery & Rehabilitation (Schenck)
 Substance Use Research & Education Center (Bakhireva)
 Diabetes Prevention & Outcomes Center (Schade)
 Epidemiology & Prevention Interdisciplinary Center for Sexually Transmitted Infections (Wheeler)
 Center for Innovation in Health & Education (Frank)
 Kidney Institute of New Mexico (Wagner)

Signature Research Programs

Brain & Behavioral Health Institute (Bakhireva & Bhaskar)
 Cardiovascular & Metabolic Disease (Liu)
 Child Health Research (Girardet)
 Environmental Health Sciences (Campen)
 Infectious Disease & Immunity (Cannon)

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Ryan Cangiolosi

Small Business Administration
Growth Accelerator
Fund Competition \$50,000

Small Business Administration
Growth Accelerator Fund
Competition - Continuation \$150,000

Melissa Ivers

N.M. Department of Health
DOH Physician, PA and/or NP Services at
Turquoise Lodge \$40,000

N.M. Department of Health
PA and/or NP Services at DOH
NMBHI FY24 \$128,000

Hengameh Raissy

UNM Foundation
FY24 Private Gifts for Research
(7/1/23 - 5/31/24) \$1,649,415

HEALTH SCIENCES OFFICE OF RESEARCH

Hengameh Raissy

Bureau of Health Resources
Development
UNM HSC MRI Equipment \$3,000,000

N.M. Higher Education Department
Q1/Q2 Award Cycle: Technology
Enhancement Funds \$2,939,243

Animal Resource Facility

Tara Konecny

New Mexico VA Health Care
System
Veterinary Services for the N.M. Veterans
Affairs Health Care System \$36,475

Center for Healthcare Equity in Kidney Disease

Larissa Myaskovsky

Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
Comparing Kidney Transplantation
Outcomes in Undocumented Immigrants
and U.S. Citizens - Continuation \$48,976

University of Colorado
NAVIGATE Kidney: A Multi-Level
Intervention to Reduce Kidney
Health Disparities \$315,557

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Rural Early Pregnancy - Epidemiology
of Complications \$304,506

Center for Infectious Diseases & Immunity

Michelle Ozbun

National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
Biology of Infectious Disease and
Inflammation - Continuation \$299,398

Terry Wu

Advanced Technology International
MOD 12 Nanolipoprotein Particle-
Based Subunit Vaccine Against
Pneumonic Tularemia - Non-
Specific Supplement \$939,566

Lawrence Livermore National
Laboratory
LLNL STNI-17-TA1-1-0042 - Non-
SpecF432:F433ific Supplement
Mod 7 \$30,000

Lawrence Livermore National
Laboratory
LLNL STNI-17-TA1-1-0042 - Non-Specific
Supplement MOD 6 \$20,000

Lawrence Livermore National
Laboratory
LLNL STNI-17-TA1-1-0042 - Non-Specific
Supplement Mod 8 \$60,000

Lawrence Livermore National
Laboratory
STNI-17-TA1-1-0042 Modification 4 \$65,000

Center for Memory & Aging

Gary Rosenberg

National Institute of Neurological
Disorders and Stroke
Validation of Biomarkers of Small Vessel
Injury in VCID - Continuation \$3,816,462

National Institute on Aging
New Mexico Alzheimer's Disease
Research Center \$4,422,177

University of Washington
National Alzheimer's
Coordinating Center \$800

University of Washington
National Alzheimer's Coordinating
Center - Continuation \$1,600

Rawan Tarawneh

Lovelace Biomedical &
Environmental Research Institute
Swine Samples/Porcine Project \$14,000

National Institute on Aging
Elucidating Endothelial Injury in
Alzheimer Disease \$2,140,130

Center for Telehealth

Robert Sapien

Union County General Hospital
Child Ready Telehealth \$25,000

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY & INFORMATICS CENTER

Deirdre Caparoso

South Central Academic Medical
Libraries Consortium
Using the MISO Survey at HSLIC \$4,999



University of Utah, Spencer E.
Eccles Health Sciences Library
*Connecting Underserved Communities to
Health Sciences Resources Via
Public Libraries* \$9,234

Laura Hall
University of Utah Spencer E.
Eccles Health Sciences Library
*Native Health Database Community
Engagement Studios* \$41,029

Melissa Rethlefsen
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
*All of Us Data Training & Engagement for
Academic Libraries* \$55,000

CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER

Abinash Achrekar
Northwestern University
REACT-AF \$29,876

Justin Baca
Los Alamos National Laboratory
*DTRA/LANL - The Human Breath Baseline:
a Keystone for Breath Biomarker Studies -
Continuation 5* \$62,000

Los Alamos National Laboratory
*DTRA/LANL - The Human Breath Baseline:
a Keystone for Breath Biomarker Studies -
Continuation Y4* \$107,721

TriCore Reference Laboratories
*T.O. # 37 Ventura Prototypes/Tricore -
Specific Supplement* \$3,200

Lisa Cacari-Stone
Westat
WEAVE NM 3.0 \$1,182,797

Westat
WEAVE NM 4.0 \$1,400,000

Judy Cannon
National Center for Advancing
Translational Sciences
*HSC Clinical & Translational Science Center
KL2 2020-2025 - Continuation
Yr 5* \$394,876

Eliseo Castillo
National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
*Defining the Harmful Effects of
Microplastics on Gastrointestinal
Health - Continuation* \$370,181

National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
*Defining the Harmful Effects of
Microplastics on Gastrointestinal Health -
Continuation Y3* \$370,181

National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
Diversity Supplement - Castillo R01 \$63,601

Kathryn Fretze
National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
*Bacteriophage Virus-Like Particle Vaccines
for Chlamydia Trachomatis Urogenital
Infection - Continuation* \$344,805

National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
*Bacteriophage Virus-Like Particle
Vaccines for Chlamydia Trachomatis
Urogenital Infection - Non-Specific
Supplement* \$38,312

Michelle Harkins
Vanderbilt University Medical
Center
*PEER (ACTIV 4d RAAS) - Executive
Committee Continuation 3* \$21,025

Alberta Kong
University of Arkansas
*Protocol Chair Dr. Kong for the Obesity
Study (Previously Phentermine) -
Year 3* \$31,837

Jongwon Lee
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
*CTR-IN: COVID19-driven Anti -
Asian Racism* \$66,000

Jessie Maxwell
University of Arkansas
*DCOC Leadership Committee - Maxwell -
YEAR 3* \$25,798

University of Arkansas
*Junior Pilot Studies - ISPCTN - INTACT -
CYCLE 3 YEAR 4* \$42,448

Nancy Pandhi
National Center for Advancing
Translational Sciences
*HSC Clinical & Translational Science Center
UL1 2020-2025 -
Continuation Y5* \$4,118,800

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
*Institutional Development Award Program
Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational
Research: BERD - Continuation* \$24,838

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
*Institutional Development Award Program
Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational
Research: CEO - Continuation* \$23,426

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
*Institutional Development Award Program
Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational
Research: PDC - Continuation* \$156,903

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
*Institutional Development Award Program
Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational
Research: T & E - Continuation* \$51,176

Eric Prossnitz
New Mexico Start-Up Factory
*Year 2: Development of an Educational
Product for Accelerating Solutions for
Commercialization and Entrepreneurial
Development in Western IDeA States -
Continuation* \$63,089

Hengameh Raissy
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National
Institute of Child Health and
Human Development
*UNM Pediatric Clinical Trials Center in
IDeA States Pediatric Clinical Trials -
Continuation* \$416,580

University of Arkansas
*MoVeUP APP (Quantitative) Study -
Continuation YR3* \$15,250

Kristin Raschke
University of Arkansas
BREATHE Study - Continuation \$47,072

University of Arkansas
*BREATHE Study: Bronchitis Recovery and
the Use of High Efficiency Particle Air
Filters - Non-Specific Supplement* \$17,358

Rawan Tarawneh
Columbia University
MAP - Cost Reimbursement \$18,968



Columbia University
MAP - Fixed Cost Agreement \$209,688

Yuri Yoshida
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
REP-EC Examining Socioeconomic
Disparities in Functional Outcomes \$18,956

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Katherine Zychowski Bufford
National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
Systemic Implications and Novel
Mechanisms of Circulating Extracellular
Vesicles Following Inhaled
Exposures \$517,288

Christine Cogil
Bureau of Health Workforce
Advanced Nursing Education Workforce -
Continuation \$646,605

Mary Couig
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Nurses on the Frontline Caring for Patients
With COVID-19: Lived Experiences (Couig-
IPA) - Continuation \$30,383

Katie Kivlighan
Blue Cross Blue Shield of New
Mexico
Building Workforce Capacity: A Doula
Residency Program \$209,503

University of Massachusetts
Mammary Epithelium Permeability,
Lactation Outcomes and
Infant Health \$219,076

Roberta Lavin
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Nurses on the Frontline Caring for Patients
With COVID-19: Lived Experiences (Lavin-
IPA) - Continuation \$49,080

Felina Ortiz
Bureau of Health Workforce
Advancing Midwifery Outcomes
and Resiliency \$1,000,000

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
UNM Midwifery Pathway
for Birthworkers \$400,000

Stephen Roper
City of Albuquerque
Geriatric Education and Health
Maintenance & HUD Expansion \$192,000

Gina Rowe
University of Cincinnati
Eliminating Structural Racism in Nursing
Academia: a Systems Change Approach to
Anti-Racist \$2,500

Patricia Watts-Kelley
University of Colorado
A Delphi Study to Identify Military Unique
Competencies for Combat Palliative and
End-of-Life Care \$3,480

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Ludmila Bakhireva
National Institutes of Health
HBCD Study Biospecimens Administrative
Supplement: Resource Generation for
Delivery Specimens \$274,460

University of California, San Diego
HBCD Peer Navigator \$47,374

Amanda Barkley-Levenson
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse
and Alcoholism
Identification and Characterization of
Novel Genetic Mechanisms in Alcohol Use
Disorder and Excessive Drinking \$245,716

Sarah Blossom
Columbia University
Developmental Exposures to Arsenic:
Pneumonia, Immunity and
Microbiomes Supplement \$196,676

Columbia University
Developmental Exposures to Arsenic:
Pneumonia, Immunity,
and Microbiomes \$187,165

Columbia University
Developmental Exposures to Arsenic:
Pneumonia, Immunity,
and Microbiomes \$181,509

National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
New Mexico Integrative Science Program
Incorporating Research in Environmental
Sciences - Continuation \$1,297,636

National Institutes of Health
Epigenetic Modulation of CD4 + T Cell
Differentiation and Autoimmunity by
Trichloroethylene \$227,064

Matthew Campen
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National
Institute of Child Health and
Human Development
Influence of Dietary Lipids on Gestational
Outcomes of Ozone Exposure \$17,856

National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
Contaminant Metal Content in Wildfire
Smoke and Neuroinflammation \$592,021

National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
Mechanisms of Vascular Toxicity From
Inhaled Toxicants \$324,648

National Institute on Aging
Acceleration of Circulatory and
Neurological Aging Due to
Wildfire Exposures \$671,696

National Institute on Aging
Acceleration of Circulatory and
Neurological Aging Due to Wildfire
Exposures -
Non-Specific Supplement \$74,632

PhRMA Foundation
Exploring Chylomicron-Mediated
Microplastic Translocation to the Placenta:
Implications for Maternal and
Fetal Health \$120,000

Jose Cerrato
National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences
UNM Metal Exposure Toxicity Assessment
on Tribal Lands in the Southwest
Superfund Research Program \$1,930,318

Melanie Dodd
First Choice Community Healthcare
Pharmacist Consultant
Agreement \$448,856

First Nations Community
Healthsource, Inc.
First Nations Community
Healthsource, Inc. \$50,000

Esther Erdei
Albuquerque Area Indian Health
Board, Inc.
Indigenous Healthy Homes and Healthy
Communities: A Community-Led Initiative
to Improve Health and Support Indigenous
Resilience in the U.S. Southwest \$975,967

Keya Foundation
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Community
Exposures to Metals in the Air \$15,834

Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Short Courses for Teaching Gene-
Environment Interactions With a Focus on
Environmental
Justice Communities \$37,800

Missouri Breaks Industries
Research, Inc.
Factors Influencing Pediatric Asthma
(FIPA2) Study \$193,950

Missouri Breaks Industries
Research, Inc.
Factors Influencing Pediatric
Asthma Study \$214,917

National Institutes of Health
Shared Lived Experiences of Uranium-
Exposed Communities - a Global
Discussion Conference \$20,000

NYU Langone Health
Research to Action: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants Under the Leadership of NYU Department of Environmental Medicine - Non-Specific Supplement \$13,351

Linda Felton
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Formulation and Batch Records for the VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. \$90,841

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Formulation and Batch Records for the VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico - Specific Supplement \$3,741

Laurie Hudson
 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Mutational Signatures of a Combined Environmental Exposure: Arsenic and Ultraviolet Radiation \$495,601

Joseph Lambson
 Denver Health and Hospital Authority
Researched Abuse, Diversion and Addiction-Related Surveillance System Work Order #19 \$12,500

Health Resources and Services Administration
Poison Center Stabilization and Enhancement Program \$153,546

N.M. Department of Health
COVID-19 Coronavirus All Hazards Line \$38,500

Debra MacKenzie
 National Institutes of Health
Center for Native American Environmental Health Equity Research \$1,220,969

National Institutes of Health
Understanding Risk Gradients From Environment on Native American Child Health Trajectories: Toxicants, Immunomodulation, Metabolic Syndromes & Metals Exposure - Continuation \$4,413,294

National Institutes of Health
Understanding Risk Gradients From Environment on Native American Child Health Trajectories: Toxicants, Immunomodulation, Metabolic Syndromes, & Metals Exposure \$4,489,419

Sara Nozadi
 Youth Development, Inc.
Intervention Program Evaluation \$40,000

Azizi Ray
 The Miriam Hospital
Implementation of Pharmacist-Driven Long-Acting ART Program in HIV Clinics in Arkansas \$6,864

University of Arkansas
Developing and Testing Innovative Care Pathways for Screening and Treatment of OUD/PTSD in Jails \$46,394

Krystal Ward
 Bureau of Health Workforce
Health Professions Student Loans, Including Primary Care Loans/loans for Disadvantaged Students \$1,600,000

COLLEGE OF POPULATION HEALTH

Lorenda Belone
 National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Family Listening Program CBPR Culturally Centered Implementation Project \$662,026

Kathryn Coakley
 New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association
N.M.-Grown Meat Pilot Evaluation \$20,000

Tracie Collins
 N.M. Higher Education Department
School of Public Health \$2,500,000

Elizabeth Dickson
 The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation
Advancing School Health Delivery Through Youth Engagement for Health Equity \$50,000

University of California, Davis
Advancing Sexual Health Education Through Youth Engagement for Health Equity \$500,000

Amber Dukes
 N.M. Human Services Department
GSA Center for Health Policy-HSD \$36,500

Robert Frank
 N.M. Human Services Department
Mobile Crisis Response Teams - Specific Supplement \$1,428,200

N.M. Human Services Department
The New Mexico Center for Health Policy - Continuation \$1,177,565

N.M. Human Services Department
The New Mexico Center for Health Policy - Specific Supplement \$463,945

Elise Jaramillo
 National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Place-Based Strengths and Vulnerabilities for Mental Wellness \$207,115

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Place-Based Strengths and Vulnerabilities for Mental Wellness - Non-Specific Supplement \$39,345

Carmella Kahn
 Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Entrepreneurship and Innovation to Support Elders \$4,881



Laura Nervi
CRDF Global- Civilian Research and Development Foundation
SyNC Regional Facilitator and Implementation Research \$104,250

Alexis O'Donnell
TerraXplorations, Inc
Bridges Cemetery Project \$25,000

Rebecca Rae
New Mexico Community Capital
The Future Is Indigenous Women - Continuation \$70,000

New Mexico Community Capital
The Future Is Indigenous Women - Continuation \$70,000

Santa Clara Pueblo
Khapo Owingeh RezRIDERS \$125,076

Shannon Sanchez-Youngman
Drexel University
Advancing Health Equity Through Innovative Community Capacity Building, Data Science & Delivering Community-Centered Structural Interventions & Outcomes: Drexel's ComPASS Coordinating Center \$370,195

Francisco Soto Mas
Bernalillo County
GTG Evaluation \$30,000

Thornburg Foundation
Inventory and Evaluation of Farmer and Rancher Training Programs in New Mexico Phase 1 \$50,000

Noell (Sue) Stone
Tulane University
ACA - Public Health Training Centers - Continuation \$10,000

Elizabeth Yakes Jimenez
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Essential Connections: Improved Referrals From Hospital to Community Meal Provision \$95,000

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Research Technical Assistance - PSA
Specific Supplement With Ming Ji \$12,000

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Research Technical Assistance- PSA \$20,000

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine

Sascha Alles
UNM Rainforest Innovations
Chronic Pain Stem Cells and Personalized Drug Screening \$25,000

V.A. Office of Research and Development
CIPN Immunotherapy Subaward \$39,838

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Meilian Liu
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Transcriptional Control of Low-Thermogenic Adipocyte Formation and Function \$332,856

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Transcriptional Control of Low-Thermogenic Adipocyte Formation and Function - Non-Specific Supplement \$22,190

Vallabh Shah
George Washington University
DPPPOS-4 AD/ADRD Project - Continuation \$393,307

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Standing Strong in Tribal Communities: Addressing Elder Falls Disparity - Continuation \$524,294

Nathan Zaidman
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Gpr116 Regulation of Renal Acid Excretion - Continuation \$249,000

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Gpr116 Regulation of Renal Acid Excretion - Non-Specific Supplement \$14,941

Nancy Kanagy
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
IMSD @ UNM HSC 2021 \$698,693
Cell Biology & Physiology

Amy Gardiner
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Molecular Targeting of the Cerebrovasculature During Prenatal Alcohol Exposure \$336,510

Nikki Jernigan
American Heart Association
Contributions of Altered Subcellular Localization of Acid-Sensing Ion Channel 1a to Pulmonary Hypertension \$67,388

Vijay Naik
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
Regulation of H2s Signaling in Vascular Function - RPPR Continuation \$524,216

Sara G.M. Piccirillo
NICO Corporation
The Identification of Molecular Biomarkers in the Microenvironment of Glioblastoma Residual Disease \$50,450

Thomas Resta
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
2023 RPPR - Minority Institutional Research Training Program (T32) - Continuation \$342,790

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Oxidant Signaling in Pulmonary Hypertension \$586,151

Comprehensive Cancer Center

Sarah Adams
Defense Health Program
Advancing Clinical Research in Ovarian Cancer \$1,439,093

National Cancer Institute
Mechanisms of Selective Therapeutic Synergy of PARP-Inhibition and CTLA4 Blockade Engaged by Interferon-Gamma in the Ovarian Tumor Microenvironment \$316,716

New Mexico Cancer Care Alliance
Clinical Trial Subaward - Phase 1&2 - Continuation \$167,128



Prajakta Adsul Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research <i>Evaluation of Community-Engaged Research Efforts at Mayo Clinic</i> CTSA \$41,464	N.M. Department of Health <i>Development and Delivery of Cancer Survivorship Cancer Plans</i> \$26,000	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences <i>Impact of Macrophage Carbon Load and Epigenetic Aging on Lung Function Decline and Mortality</i> \$747,121
Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research <i>Evaluation of Community-Engaged Research Efforts at Mayo Clinic</i> CTSA \$43,466	Hua-Ying Fan National Cancer Institute <i>Repurposing Auranofin As a Novel Notch Pathway Inhibitor for Combinational Ovarian Cancer Therapy</i> \$213,881	Kimberly Leslie U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity <i>Progestin Therapy for Endometrial Cancer</i> \$1,070,517
N.M. Department of Health & Human Services <i>Cancer Prevention and Control Program for N.M.</i> \$26,500	U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity <i>Improve Targeted Ovarian Cancer Therapy Using the Novel Notch Pathway Inhibitor Auranofin</i> \$915,000	Washington University <i>Washington University Route 66 Endometrial Cancer SPORE</i> \$287,878
University of Texas at Austin <i>Investigating Facilitator-Driven, Multi-Level Implementation Strategies in Federally Qualified Health Centers to Improve Provider Recommendation and HPV Vaccination Rates Among Latino/a Adolescents</i> \$26,264	Matthew Fero N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 1/2</i> \$185,695	Washington University <i>Washington University Route 66 Endometrial Cancer SPORE- Pilot Projects</i> \$49,562
Eric Bartee National Cancer Institute <i>Impact of TNF on Oncolytic Virotherapy</i> \$438,164	N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase N/a</i> \$98,655	Erika Maestas N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 2</i> \$188,895
Marianne Berwick University of North Carolina <i>Identification of Lethal Melanomas at the Time of Diagnosis (Resub)</i> \$64,401	Charles Foucar N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 2</i> \$191,455	Peng Mao National Cancer Institute <i>Mechanism of Transcription-Coupled DNA Repair and Its Impact on Cancer Mutations</i> \$289,461
University of North Carolina <i>Identification of Lethal Melanomas at the Time of Diagnosis (Resub) - Continuation</i> \$96,016	Jennifer Gillette National Cancer Institute <i>University of New Mexico's CURE for Cancer</i> \$273,246	National Cancer Institute <i>Mechanism of Transcription-Coupled DNA Repair and Its Impact on Cancer Mutations - Non-Specific Supplement</i> \$16,080
Ursa Brown-Glaberman N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase N/a</i> \$182,495	Dolores Guest National Institutes of Health <i>Southwest Transformative Educational Advancement and Mentoring Network</i> \$412,791	University of California, San Francisco <i>The Mutational Mechanisms Shaping Melanocytes in Human Skin</i> \$46,395
Shashank Cingam N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 2</i> \$188,895	Richard Harvey Public Health Institute <i>Clinical Trial Agreement - Continuation</i> \$53,549	Washington State University <i>Identifying Recurrent Driver Mutations in Skin Cancers by Targeted UV Damage Sequencing</i> \$38,125
N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 3</i> \$185,695	Neda Hashemi N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 2</i> \$188,255	Martha Mapalo N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 3</i> \$188,930
Pfizer, Inc. <i>Collaborative Outreach and Education for Management of Bi-Specific Antibody Treatment Side Effects in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma</i> \$81,004	Atul Kumar N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 2/3</i> \$188,895	Dario Marchetti National Cancer Institute <i>Mechanisms of Melanoma Brain Metastasis by CTCs Isolated From Patients' Blood - Non-Specific Supplement</i> \$8,500
Zoneddy Dayao American Cancer Society <i>Lodging Plan for UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center - 2024/2025</i> \$25,000	N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 2/3</i> \$188,895	National Cancer Institute <i>Mechanisms of Melanoma Brain Metastasis by CTCs Isolated From Patients' Blood and CSF</i> \$153,000
American Cancer Society <i>Transportation Plan for UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center 2023/2024 - Specific Supplement</i> \$3,000	N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 3</i> \$188,895	Colleen McCormick N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 2</i> \$158,495
American Cancer Society <i>Transportation Plan for UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center 2024/2025</i> \$25,000	Shuguang Leng National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute <i>Lung Deposition Dose of Black Carbon in Blacks and Whites</i> \$114,375	N.M. Cancer Research Alliance <i>Clinical Trial Phase 3</i> \$182,495



Shiraz Mishra

National Cancer Institute
Cancer Research - Scholarship and Training Experiences in Population Sciences \$172,999

Carolyn Muller

N.M. Cancer Research Alliance
Clinical Trial Phase 2 \$188,895

National Cancer Institute
NCORP - Continuation \$1,588,186

Jacklyn Nemunaitis

N.M. Cancer Research Alliance
Clinical Trial Phase 3 \$165,440

Scott Ness

National Cancer Institute
Lab Automation for a Genomics Shared Resource \$68,012

Viswanathan Palanisamy

National Cancer Institute
Targeting of RNA-Binding Protein FXR1 in HNSCC \$419,375

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Intersections of RNA-Binding Proteins and T-Cells \$453,000

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Intersections of RNA-Binding Proteins and T-Cells - Continuation \$441,308

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Mutations and Target Genes in Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma - Continuation \$393,714

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Mutations and Target Genes in Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma - Non-Specific Supplement \$34,996

Eric Prossnitz

National Cancer Institute
GPER & Breast Carcinogenesis (3) - Continuation \$191,101

National Cancer Institute
Molecular Mechanisms and Applications of Novel ER/GPER-Selective Ligands - Continuation \$502,165

National Cancer Institute
Role of GPER in Obesity and Lipid Metabolism - Continuation \$45,574

Avinash Sahu

American Association of Immunologists
The AAI Intersect Fellowship Program for Computational Scientists and Immunologists \$56,484

National Cancer Institute
Identifying Drug Synergistic With Cancer Immunotherapy \$249,000

Yolanda Sanchez

National Cancer Institute
Dissemination of a Colorectal Cancer Screening Program Across American Indian Communities in the Southern Plains and Southwest United States \$326,328

National Cancer Institute
University of New Mexico Cancer Center Support Grant \$2,300,943

Oregon Health & Science University
Florescence-Guided Surgery Using Near Infrared Nerve-Specific Probes for Cranial Nerve Preservation \$9,315

Oregon Health & Science University
Florescence-Guided Surgery Using Near Infrared Nerve-Specific Probes for Cranial Nerve Preservation - Continuation \$8,227

Rita Serda

National Cancer Institute
Preclinical Efficacy of Allogeneic and Human Silicified Cancer Vaccines \$356,469

Andrew Sussman

Klein Buendel
#4corners4health: A Social Media Cancer Prevention Program for Rural Young Adults \$157,802

University of Arizona
Ethnicity and Lung Cancer Survival: A Test of the Hispanic Sociocultural Hypothesis \$25,490

Alan Tomkinson

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Structural Cell Biology & Physiology of DNA Repair Machines Project \$68,175

National Cancer Institute
Targeting DNA Ligase I in Ovarian Cancer \$342,892

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Roles of Lig3 and XRCC1 Genes in Genome Stability \$326,549

Moises Harari Turquie

N.M. Cancer Research Alliance
Clinical Trial Phase 2 \$185,695

Cosette Wheeler

Global Diagnostics Labs, LLC
Archived Specimen Stability for HPV mRNA Testing \$46,200

Charles Wiggins

Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Disparities in Clinical Trial Enrollment Among Adolescents and Young Adults With Cancer \$43,386

N.M. Department of Health
For Breast and Cervical Cancer Surveillance \$6,330

National Cancer Institute
NCI Patterns of Care Study: Diagnosis Year 2021 \$63,204

National Cancer Institute
Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results Program - Continuation \$2,739,203

National Cancer Institute
Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results Program - Specific Supplement \$219,377

University of Iowa
Development of Small Area Interactive Risk Maps for Cancer Control Efforts - Continuation \$30,659

Cheryl Willman
National Cancer Institute
Engagement of American Indians of Southwestern Tribal Nations in Cancer Genome Sequencing - Continuation \$1,278,909

National Cancer Institute
Engagement of American Indians of Southwestern Tribal Nations in Cancer Genome Sequencing - Diversity Supplement \$144,977

Dental Medicine

Robin Gatlin
United Concordia Dental Charitable Fund
United Concordia Scholarship \$6,000

Nathan Boyd
N.M. Higher Education Department
Dentist Training to Treat Pediatric and Developmental Patients \$900,000

N.M. Higher Education Department
Dentist Training to Treat Pediatric and Developmental Patients \$1,200,000

Dermatology

John Durkin
Amgen, Inc.
Amgen 20210144-Rocket Shuttle \$198,720

Amgen, Inc.
Amgen 20210145-rocket-astro \$289,190

Amgen, Inc.
Amgen 20210158-Rocket Voyager \$225,775

Parexel International
B7981041 \$73,948

ECHO Institute

Sanjeev Arora
Bayer Cares Foundation
Bayer - Women and Girls Health Promotion LATAM \$215,394

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Miners' Wellness ECHO Program \$200,000

Bureau of Health Workforce
Creating Cultures of Resiliency for Behavioral Health Providers Through Project ECHO - Continuation YR3 \$492,333

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Using Project ECHO to Enhance Resilience for OJS Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers - Continuation \$350,000

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Expanding Access to Evidence-Based Diabetes Programs Using Project ECHO - Continuation YR2 \$1,000,000

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Minority Research Grant Program 2023 \$333,333

Con Alma Health Foundation
Building Rural Maternal Health Capacity \$350,000

Executive Secretary of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic
Partner Launch Training for Latin American ECHO Partners \$36,320

Family Health Centers of San Diego
FHCSD Respiratory Viruses in Older Californians ECHO Series \$48,170

Fidelity Foundations
ECHO for Career and College Counseling Program in New Mexico \$750,000

GE Healthcare
Expanding Access to Maternal Child Health in Indonesia \$300,000

Health Resources and Services Administration
South Central AIDS Education and Training Center Program - Supplement Year 5 \$129,212

Health Resources and Services Administration
South Central AIDS Education and Training Center Program (Round 2) \$4,086,980

JHPIEGO Corporation
ECHO Support for Global Reach II Activities in Sierra Leone: Y3 Q1 \$28,851

JHPIEGO Corporation
Global Reach II: Echo Implementation Activities in Zambia \$20,000

JHPIEGO Corporation
Strengthening Hospital Systems in East Jerusalem \$150,000

Lourie Center for Children's Social Emotional Wellness
ECHO for Trauma Informed Preschool Support Program - Continuation \$32,079

Merck Company Foundation
ECHO Partnership With Merck Foundation for Expanding Access to Cancer Care in India, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia \$10,993,634

N.M. Corrections Department
N.M. Corrections Department Hepatitis C - Continuation \$420,000

N.M. Corrections Department
NMPEP and CPEP Programs \$8,939,770

N.M. Department of Health
Environmental Health ECHO Series, Sponsored by the Climate Change and Human Health ECHO \$50,000

N.M. Department of Health
N.M. DOH Sponsorship of AETC HIV/HCV Conference 2024 \$20,000

N.M. Early Childhood Education & Care Department
ECHO Collaboration on Early Childhood Education and Care \$3,631,434

N.M. Public Education Department
Project ECHO and N.M. PED Collaboration on Social Emotional Learning 2023 - 2024 \$100,000

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
Indian Health Services TeleECHO Clinic Support - Continuation \$152,600





Office of Rural Health Policy
Expanding Access to Care for Long-Haul
COVID Patients in Rural New Mexico -
Continuation Year 3 \$475,000

PATH
Reaching Every At-Risk Community and
Household With Malaria \$27,376

PATH
Reaching Every At-Risk Community and
Household With Malaria -
Continuation \$40,000

Patient-Centered Outcomes
Research Institute
Improving Outcomes for Patients With
Multiple Chronic Conditions Using
ECHO \$10,738,368

Pfizer, Inc.
ECHO for Diabetes and Metabolic
Syndrome in LATAM \$400,000

Pfizer, Inc.
Pfizer & Project ECHO Collaboration:
Telementoring, Equity & Advocacy
Collaboration for Health Through
Antimicrobial Stewardship \$1,229,150

Pfizer, Inc.
Strengthening Maternal and Child
Nutrition in India Using the ECHO
Model \$400,000

Project & Technology Consulting
Services, Inc
ASPR Program Support Services - Clinical
Rounds \$330,750

Schmidt Futures Foundation
ECHO Partnership With Schmidt Futures
Foundation for Improving Global Public
Health Capacity \$1,020,000

The Task Force for Global Health
CDC Global Action in Healthcare Network
Antimicrobial Resistance -
Continuation \$22,351

The Task Force for Global Health
CDC Global Action in Healthcare Network
Antimicrobial Resistance - Specific
Supplement \$3,528

U.S. Department of the Interior
Climate Action Readiness Equity \$2,500

UBS Optimus Foundation
Building CHW Capacity With Project
ECHO \$314,000

University of Colorado
NMPEP Replication Project \$23,000

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Effective Narratives in the New College
Admissions Framework ECHO \$200,000

World Health Organization
WHO Advanced HIV Disease Learning
Series \$24,801

World Health Organization
WHO Advanced HIV Disease Learning
Series - Continuation \$26,539

World Health Organization
WHO AMR Webinar \$11,340

World Health Organization
WHO CNO ECHO Community of
Practice \$19,738

World Health Organization
World Hand Hygiene Day \$12,304

Emergency Medicine

Justin Baca
Abbott Point of Care Inc.
PO2 and Lactate Tests
CS-2024-0004 \$63,332

Radiometer Medical ApS
Radiometer Adult MC Study -
Specific Supplement \$67,201

Radiometer Medical ApS
Radiometer Adult MC Study -
Specific Supplement #2 \$111,677

TOSOH Bioscience, Inc
CL D-Dimer Study \$346,752

Laura Banks
N.M. Department of Transportation
Pedestrian Safety Initiative
2023-24 \$300,000

Whitney Barrett
Department of the Air Force
Kirtland AFB Medical Direction -
Continuation 5 \$16,694

Department of the Air Force
Kirtland AFB Medical Direction -
Continuation 9 \$16,695

Caitlin Bonney
Purdue Pharma L.P.
Purdue Nalmefene v. Naloxone \$291,980
Purdue Pharma L.P.
Purdue Nalmefene Vs Naloxone -
Non-Specific Supplement \$34,264

Darren Braude
American Medical Response
Ambulance Service, Inc.
EMS Medical Director \$184,800

Eagle Nest Volunteer Ambulance
Service
Medical Director - Continuation \$3,600

Isleta Pueblo
EMS Medical Director \$7,000

Isleta Pueblo
EMS Medical Director \$3,000

K&I Field Services
Medical Director - Continuation \$13,250

Kindred Hospital
Emergency Medicine
Critical Care Services \$25,000

New Mexico Community Care
Medical Director \$25,000

Quick Draw
Medical Director - Continuation \$880

Sandoval County Regional
Emergency Communications
Center
Medical Director - Continuation \$28,368

State of New Mexico
EMTs, Medical Director, Professional
Services - Continuation \$56,133

Taos County Fire Department
EMS Medical Director -
Continuation \$36,000

University of Utah
EMS Medical Toxicology
Consultation \$25,000

Valencia County
Medical Director - Continuation \$45,744

Kymmalee Chang
City of Rio Rancho
SWAT Operations and Training \$10,000

Cameron Crandall
Yale University
CTN-0099: Emergency Department-
Initiated Buprenorphine VAlidAtION

Network Trial - Non-Specific Supplement	\$44,707	N.M. Department of Public Safety Professional Services TEMS - Continuation	\$188,504	Philip Seidenberg TriCore Reference Laboratories TO#38_PAS-18SUST033 Tricore BD Vacutainer	\$129,155
Ashley Davis Merck & Company, Inc. Be Vaxed: Broad Efforts at Vaccination in the ED	\$235,684	Pueblo of Isleta Medical Director	\$44,000	TriCore Reference Laboratories TO#39_PAS-19SUST055 Tricore BD Vacutainer	\$38,220
Jon Kenneth Femling Olive View UCLA Medical Center IDnet MPOX Public Health Monitoring - NCCContinuation	\$21,350	Santo Domingo Pueblo Medical Director	\$19,800	TriCore Reference Laboratories TO#40_PAS-19SUST046 Tricore BD Vacutainer	\$116,480
Olive View UCLA Medical Center Project PREVENT II - Continuation 3	\$80,000	Town of Red River Medical Director - Continuation	\$12,000	Ming Wang University of Pittsburgh LITES Calcium and Vasopressin Following Injury Early Resuscitation Trial	\$500,000
University of California, Los Angeles EMERGENCY ID NET Study - Continuation	\$7,878	Valencia Regional Emergency Communication Center Medical Director	\$9,000	Brandon Warrick U.S. Department of Justice 2nd District of N.M. SVU- Expert Witness - Warrick - Curley v. United States	\$26,886
Ashley Gilbert DCI Donor Services EMS Medical Director - Continuation	\$30,000	Village of Cimarron Medical Director - Continuation	\$3,600	Chelsea White Cibola County Medical Director- Continuation	\$12,000
Andrew Harrell N.M. Public Safety Department Tactical Emergency Medical Support - Continuation	\$366,928	Steven McLaughlin State of New Mexico Emergency and Specialty Services - Continuation	\$1,000,000	National Park Service Medical Director El Malpais/El Morro - Continuation 3	\$4,500
National Park Service Grand Canyon Medical Direction Services - Mod 1	\$37,333	Gary Mlady Bernalillo County Medical Director - Continuation	\$14,000	National Park Service Medical Director El Malpais/El Morro - Continuation 6	\$9,000
Ryan Huebinger University of Arizona ICECAP Subaward	\$95,000	Kimberly Pruett N.M. Department of Health FY24 NM DOH Statewide EMS - Continuation 8	\$75,000	Pueblo of Laguna Laguna Pueblo Medical Direction - Continuation 7	\$552,564
Vanderbilt University Medical Center STRIVE No.114720 Subcontract	\$458,752	Jay Raval University of Pittsburgh Massive Transfusion in Children II	\$211,611	Pueblo of Zuni Medical Director - Continuation	\$60,000
Amy Jameson Alamo Navajo School Board, Inc. Medical Director - Continuation	\$22,500	Diane Rimple Town of Mountainair EMS Medical Director - Continuation	\$6,000	Jenna White Presbyterian Medical Services EMS Medical Director - Continuation	\$23,760
Albuquerque Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Medical Director - Continuation	\$14,869	Wilderness Medics Inc EMS Medical Director - Continuation	\$25,000	Pueblo of Jemez FY 24 Pueblo of Jemez Medical Direction - Continuation 5	\$24,000
Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Medical Director - Continuation	\$55,000	Robert Sapien Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service Mescalero Service Unit & UNM HSC Emergency Medicine Child Ready Telehealth Year 1	\$51,750	The Pueblo of Santo Domingo Medical Direction for the Pueblo of Santo Domingo - Continuation	\$19,800
Bosque School EMS Medical Director - Continuation	\$7,400	Guadalupe County Hospital Child Ready- Center for Telehealth - Continuation	\$25,000	Village of Cuba Medical Director - Continuation	\$4,100
Catron County EMS Medical Director	\$11,000	Maternal and Child Health Bureau NM EMS for Children Program - Continuation	\$83,352	Jason Williams Army National Guard Mountain Medicine Course - National Guard	\$25,000
Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions Medical Director	\$25,000	Office for the Advancement of Telehealth Child Ready Rural Emergency Support of Trauma - Continuation	\$300,000	Defense Threat Reduction Agency Advanced Wilderness First Aid Course	\$9,750
Jemez Mountain Trail Runs Medical Director	\$2,000	Roosevelt General Hospital Child Ready- Center for Telehealth	\$25,000	N.M. Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department Forestry Division UNM Wilderness First Aid Course	\$3,000

N.M. Environment Department
Wilderness Prep Mountain Medicine
Course - NMED \$50,000

New Mexico National Guard
NMARNG Mountain Medicine Course -
Federal \$17,000

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Wilderness First Aid Course -
Federal \$8,000

Family & Community Medicine

Melody Avila

Falling Colors Corporation
ADOBE HSD - Continuation \$1,073,578

Antoinette Benton

Falling Colors Corporation
FY24 Pre-Administration Screening and
Resident Review (TEASC) -
Continuation \$249,400

N.M. Department of Health
HBCD Peer Navigator \$1,438,814

Venice Ceballos

Root Change
Community Power - Exchange
Program \$22,500

Heidi Fredine

Rio Grande Community
Development Corp., Inc.
Growing Together Evaluation \$75,000

Rio Grande Community
Development Corporation, Inc.
Color Theory Evaluation \$39,600

Arthur Kaufman

Bernalillo County
Tiny Home Village Community Support
Services - Continuation FY24 \$455,000

City of Albuquerque
Gateway Receiving Area \$800,000

City of Albuquerque
Interagency Intensive Case Management
System to Decrease Substance Abuse in
Albuquerque - FY24 \$750,000

N.M. Aging & Long-Term Services
Department
Community Health Workers in the New
Mexico Aging Network -
Continuation \$232,630

N.M. Aging and Long-Term Services
Department
Community Health Workers in the
New Mexico Aging Network \$182,889

N.M. Department of Health
New Mexico Immunization Coalition FY24 -
Continuation \$175,658

N.M. Department of Health
Vaccine Health Equity Project - COVID19 -
Non-Specific Supplement \$9,938,920

N.M. Human Services Department
Reach Intervene Support and Engage
Program \$248,426

Sarah Lathrop

N.M. Department of Health
FY24 N.M. Emerging Infections
Program \$1,097,373

N.M. Department of Health
FY25 N.M. Emerging Infections Program -
Continuation \$1,088,249

Lawrence Leeman

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National
Institute of Child Health and
Human Development
HEAL Initiative: UNM HSC Clinical
Center \$222,694

Reunion Neuroscience Inc.
Clinical Trial Phase 2 RE104 Safety &
Efficacy Study in PPD \$161,199

RTI International
OPTimize Study MOU \$9,470

University of Cincinnati
Promoting Research With Mothers
Receiving OUD Treatment \$6,574

Usona Institute
CTA PSIL301 \$700,291

Orrin Myers

National Park Service
Valles Caldera (CESU) \$25,000

NeurInsight, LLC
Towards Intra-Operative Guidance in Brain
Tumor Surgery Using Real-Time Resting-
State Functional MRI - Phase I \$38,820

NeurInsight, LLC
Towards Intra-Operative Guidance in Brain
Tumor Surgery Using Real-Time Resting-
State Functional MRI - Phase I - Specific
Supplement \$8,031

Janet Page-Reeves

City of Albuquerque
Albuquerque Community Safety Training
Evaluation \$99,900

Tassy Parker

University of Colorado Denver
Center for American Indian and Alaska
Native Diabetes Translation Research -
Continuation \$42,864

University of Colorado Health
Sciences Center
Center for American Indian and Alaska
Native Health Disparities -
Continuation \$8,589

University of Minnesota
AMICA Resubmission -
Continuation \$395,680

Washington State University
NEAR WSU P01 - Continuation \$27,863

Felisha Rohan-Minjares

First Nations Community
Healthsource, Inc.
Physician Services With Obstetrics -
Continuation \$36,000

Manzano Medical Group
Family and Community Medicine \$29,952

Manzano Medical Group
Family and Community Medicine -
Continuation \$29,952



New Mexico Perinatal Collaborative
Director of Maternal Health Initiatives -
Continuation \$40,104

Presbyterian Medical Services
Physician Services \$25,000

Presbyterian Medical Services
Physician Services \$25,000

Presbyterian Medical Services
Physician Services - Continuation \$25,000

Pilar Sanjuan

Lovelace Biomedical &
Environmental Research Institute
The ASCEND Study - FY24
Continuation \$127,993

Helene B. Silverblatt

Bureau of Health Workforce
New Mexico Area Health Education
Centers Point of Service Maintenance and
Enhancement - Continuation \$493,977

Center for Health Innovation
CHI Contract for Services FY24 \$5,000

Daniel Williams

University of Mississippi Medical
Center
Center for Innovation and Discovery in
Addictions Mississippi Horizons Project -
Continuation \$78,237

Internal Medicine

Christos Argyropoulos

Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
COVID and Vaccination in CKD \$118,927

Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
Grand Rounds Support -
Continuation \$59,750

Novo Nordisk, Inc.
Clinical Trial Phase III: EX6018-4758 Zeus -
Specific Supplement \$1,500

Nour Ass'ad

United Therapeutics Corporation
TETON PPF \$93,285

James Blankenship

Weill Cornell Medical College
RECHARGE \$133,698

Steven Bradfute

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Unsupervised and Semi-Supervised ML/AI
With Iterative Experimentation for Rapid
Identification of Targeted Alphaviral Small
Molecules - Continuation \$499,645

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Unsupervised and Semi-Supervised ML/AI
With Iterative Experimentation for Rapid
Identification of Targeted Alphaviral Small
Molecules - Non-Specific
Supplement \$100,000

Los Alamos National Laboratory
Rapid Assessment of Platform
Technologies to Expedite Response - Non-
Specific Supplement \$60,000

Los Alamos National Laboratory
Rapid Assessment of Platform
Technologies to Expedite Response -
Specific Supplement \$100,000

Los Alamos National Laboratory
Rapid Assessment of Platform
Technologies to Expedite Response (Phase
II) - Continuation \$150,000

Los Alamos National Laboratory
Unsupervised Tensor Factorization
ML Platform for Discovery of Broad-
Spectrum Antiviral Targets From Global
Omics Data \$50,000

Sandia National Laboratories
Assessment of Coding and Noncoding
RNA Responses to Arenavirus
Infection \$200,000

M. Gabriela Cabanilla

Merck & Company, Inc.
CMV Disease Among Racial and
Ethnic Minority Populations - Specific
Supplement \$9,520

Kelly Chong

Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
Kidney: To Take or Not to Take \$166,015

Emily Cotter

Cambia Health Foundation
2023 Sojourns Scholar Leadership Award -
Trauma-Informed Palliative Care \$180,000

Pablo Garcia

Calliditas Therapeutics
East by Southwest Fourth Update in
Nephrology Conference \$5,000

Michelle Harkins

Duke University
RECOVER-VITAL \$76,950

Theresa Heynekamp

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Care Center Program -
Continuation \$98,310

Ivy Hurwitz

National Science Foundation
Innovation Corps - National Innovation
Network Teams Program \$50,000

Office of Naval Research
Evaluation of Essential Oil-Based
Larvicides for Mosquito Control in Sub-
Saharan Africa - Continuation \$133,331

Michelle Iandiorio

AbbVie
A Phase 2, Multicenter, Randomized,
Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to
Evaluate Efficacy, Safety, Tolerability and
Pharmacokinetics of Budigalimab and/or
ABBV-382 in People Living With HIV on
Stable Antiretroviral Therapy (Protocol No.
M19-965) \$240,742

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C
Outpatient Early Intervention Services
Program - Continuation \$179,640

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Ryan White Part C EIS - Non-Specific
Supplement \$538,920

HIV/AIDS Bureau

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part D
Coordinated HIV Services and Access to
Research for Women, Infants, Children and
Youth - Continuation \$512,417

Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Inc.

Clinical Study to Evaluate Doravirine/
islatravir
(Protocol No. MK-8591A) \$1,118,766

Denece Kesler

Bureau of Health Workforce
Preventive Medicine Residency Program -
Continuation \$147,368

Bureau of Health Workforce
Preventive Medicine Residency Program -
Non-Specific Supplement \$278

Bureau of Health Workforce
Preventive Medicine Residency Program -
Non-Specific Supplement \$248,051

Bureau of Health Workforce
Preventive Medicine Residency Program -
Non-Specific Supplement 2 \$1,447

Lovelace Biomedical Research
Institute

Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute
- Occupational Health Services -
Continuation \$25,000

Office of Rural Health Policy
Radiation Exposure Screening and
Education Program - Continuation \$231,132

Christophe Lambert

National Institute of Mental Health
Deriving High-Quality Evidence From
National Healthcare Databases to Improve
Suicidality Detection and Treatment
Outcomes in PTSD -
Continuation \$650,262

National Institutes of Health

Illuminating the Druggable Genome Data
Coordinating Center - Engagement Plan
With the CFDE \$562,110



Scott Malec

National Library of Medicine
Using the Literature to Build Causal Models of Retrospective Observational Data \$248,670

Lana Melendres-Groves

GB002, Inc.
A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Oral Inhalation of Seralutinib for the Treatment of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (Protocol No. GB002-3101) \$64,208

Keros Therapeutics, Inc.

A Randomized, Phase 2, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Investigate the Safety and Efficacy of KER-012 in Combination With Background Therapy in Adult Participants With Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (Protocol No. KER-012-A201) \$160,000

PPD Investigator Services

Phase 3 Multicenter Study of Liposomal Treprostinil Inhalation Suspension (L606) in Subjects With Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Previously Stabilized on Inhaled Treprostinil Products (Protocol No. PBI L606p3) - Supplement \$644

United Therapeutics Corporation

APD811-301: A Study EVALuatiNg the Efficacy and Safety of Ralinepag to Improve Treatment OUTCOMES in PAH Patients - Non-Specific Supplement \$22,183

University of Pennsylvania

Case-Control Study of Methamphetamine in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension - Continuation \$26,961

Kimberly Page

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Collaborative Care Teams for Hospitalized Patients With Opioid Use Disorders: Translating Evidence Into Practice - Continuation \$196,721

Loyola University Chicago

Computational Modeling for HCV Vaccine Trial Design and Optimal Vaccine-Based Combination Intervention - Amendment 3 \$5,249

Loyola University Chicago

Computational Modeling for HCV Vaccine Trial Design and Optimal Vaccine-Based Combination Intervention - Continuation \$47,245

University of Miami

CTN-0121: Integrated Care and Treatment for Severe Infectious Diseases and Substance Use Disorders Among Hospitalized Patients \$508,407

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

NIDA Clinical Trials Network: Big South/West Node \$20,260

Swathi Paleti

AbbVie
M23-703 \$240,500

Amgen, Inc.

Safety and Efficacy of Efavaleukin Alfa in Subjects With Moderately to Severely Active Ulcerative Colitis \$204,710

Alisha Parada

Lovelace Biomedical & Environmental Research Institute
Cognitive Sequelae of Cerebrovascular and Gut Dysfunction in Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome \$16,819

N.M. Department of Health

Mobile Homeless Survey \$120,000

N.M. Department of Health & Human Services

Mobile Services for Persons Experiencing Homelessness: High-Impact Demonstration Project \$250,000

Douglas Perkins

Harvard School of Public Health
Fogarty Global Health Training Fellowship Program - Specific Supplement \$29,497

Harvard School of Public Health

Partnership for Global Health Research Training Program \$14,281

John E. Fogarty International

Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences
Training and Research on Severe Malarial Anemia - Continuation \$280,420

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Temporal Transcriptomics in Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients From Disparately Impacted Ancestral Groups for Therapeutic Discovery - Y3 \$757,176

Christopher Piromalli

Southcentral Foundation
Jumpstarting Culturally Informed Advanced Care Planning With ANAI People in Primary Care - Continuation \$64,919

David Schade

Case Western Reserve University
Epidemiology of Diabetes Intervention and Complications - Continuation Year 2023-2024 \$118,770

George Washington University

Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias in Prediabetes and Type 2 Diabetes: The Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study AD/ADRD Project (DPPOS-4) - Continuation \$368,400

George Washington University

Continuation of Glycemia Reduction Approaches in Diabetes: A Comparative Effectiveness Study - Non-Specific Supplement \$10,000

George Washington University

Continuation of Glycemia Reduction Approaches in Diabetes: A Comparative Effectiveness Study - Specific Supplement \$19,519

Namita Singh

Transplant Genomics, Inc.
TRULO Study - Non-Specific Supplement \$114,115

Manoocher Soleimani

Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
The Role of Extracellular Vesicles in Kidney Cystogenesis in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex \$343,865

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

IPA - Sharon Barone - Continuation \$49,199

Veterans Affairs Medical Center

IPA - Brooks - Continuation \$43,932

Akshay Sood

National Institute of General Medical Sciences
Effectiveness of Innovative Research Mentor Interventions Among Underrepresented Minority Faculty in the Southwest - Continuation \$711,113

Joao Teixeira

Talpera Inc
CRRT \$34,823

Jason Timm
Givaudan Flavors Corporation
Givaudan Research Agreement -
Y16 \$225,000

Mark Unruh
City of Albuquerque
Consultant Services for ACS
Programs \$99,590

Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
Consultation Services \$122,200

Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
Medical Director Services \$1,209,000

Genesis HealthCare
Physician Services \$36,000

Hennepin Healthcare Research
Institute
HOPE CATI - Continuation \$55,714

Honeywell Corporation
Occupational Medical Services -
Continuation \$25,000

Lovelace Biomedical &
Environmental Research Institute
Occupational Health Consulting
Services \$25,000

National Institute of Diabetes and
Digestive and Kidney Diseases
American Indian Chronic Renal
Insufficiency Cohort Study -
Continuation \$614,646

Tufts Medical Center
VideoKD Tufts \$116,020

Tufts Medical Center
VideoKD Tufts - Non-Specific
Supplement \$114,347

University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
Comparative Effectiveness of Two
Approaches to Symptom Monitoring in
Hemodialysis - Continuation \$79,853

University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
SmartHD Latinx Supplement \$152,720

University of Pittsburgh
Technology-Assisted Stepped
Collaborative Care Intervention to
Improve Patient-Centered Outcomes in
Hemodialysis Patients -
Continuation \$25,530

University of Washington
Randomized ESRD Trial Comparing CBT
Alone VERSus With Buprenorphine -
Continuation \$111,445

VA Office of Research and
Development
IPA Inchtvets - Monica Cardona \$64,880

VA Office of Research and
Development
IPA Inchtvets - Taryn Roe \$24,454

Zenith American Solutions, Inc.
Occupational & Environmental Health
Services \$25,000

Molecular Genetics & Microbiology

Kiran Bhaskar
New Mexico VA Health Care
System
Microglia-Vascular Interactions in
Alteration of the Blood-Retinal Barrier in
Diabetic Retinopathy \$5,000

University of Tennessee
Validation of a Novel Tau Clearance
Mechanism - Year 2 \$203,473

Bryce Chackerian
Henry M. Jackson Foundation
Epitope-Based Vaccines for Neisseria
Gonorrhoeae - Continuation \$37,000

National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
Virus-Like Particle-Based Malaria Vaccines
Targeting Vulnerable Epitopes in the
Circumsporozoite Protein - Non-Specific
Supplement \$61,103

National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
Virus-Like Particle-Based Malaria Vaccines
Targeting Vulnerable Epitopes in the
Circumsporozoite Protein -
Year 2 \$549,926

Tendel Therapies
Genetic Adjuvants to Elicit Neutralizing
Antibodies Against HIV \$10,000

Vojo Deretic
National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
Pattern Receptors and Autophagy in Mtb
Control in AIDS - Continuation \$575,399

National Institute of General
Medical Sciences
Autophagy, Inflammation and Metabolism
in Disease Center - Year 7 \$2,270,783

Kathryn Fretze
National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
Investigation of Novel Chlamydia Vaccines
in Male Infection Models \$37,094

National Institute on Drug Abuse
Identification and Characterization of
Novel Genetic Mechanisms in Alcohol Use
Disorder and Excessive Drinking \$37,094

Michael Mandell
National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
Cellular Responses to Retroviral Capsid
Recognition - Continuation Year 4 \$414,823

Michelle Ozbun
National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases
Development of a Novel Anti-Viral
Treatment for Persistent HPV
Disease \$171,563

Tulane University
Development of a Rhesus Macaque Model
of Persistent Oral HPV and HIV Co-
infection to Study Oropharyngeal
Cancer Induction \$58,354

Jing Pu
National Institute of General
Medical Sciences
Lysosome-Organelle Interaction in
Lipid Metabolism - Continuation \$343,125

Jaya Rajaiya
National Eye Institute
Influence of Dietary Lipids on Gestational
Outcomes of Ozone Exposure \$65,009

National Eye Institute
Novel Mechanisms in Adenoviral Ocular
Pathogenesis - Non-Specific
Supplement \$59,877

Neurology

Daniel Barnett
NeuroPace, Inc
NAUTILUS - Specific Supplement -
Amend #1 \$8,250

Jonathan Cauchi
ALS Association
ALS New Mexico \$30,000

Masoom Desai
Duke University
SHINKEI TBI \$120,000

Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
1042-SE-3003 - RAISE - Specific
Supplement \$25,600

Massachusetts General Hospital
Data Generation Projects for the NIH
Bridge to Artificial Intelligent Y2 Nce
Program (OT2) - MOD 1 \$213,912

University of Arizona
ELECTRO-BOOST:
Electroencephalography for
Cerebral Trauma Recovery and
Oxygenation \$34,683

Corey Ford
Genentech, Inc.
MN43964 OLERO -
Specific Supplement \$167,188

Sanofi US Services, Inc.
Sanofi - LTS17043 \$1,219,660

Sanofi US Services, Inc.
SANOFI_EFC17919 \$1,206,120



Clotilde Hainline

Biogen, Inc.
Biogen Protocol 257MS201 - FUSION \$300,000

Contineum Therapeutics
VISTA - Pipeline PTI-307-201 \$93,249

Kenneth Imerman

University of California, San Francisco
BVMC3 Project 2 - SWS - Continuation \$3,788

Surojit Paul

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Outcome of Neurological Disorders in Adults Exposed to Moderate Levels of Alcohol in Utero \$411,267

Sarah Pirio Richardson

Emory University
Dystonia Coalition - Emory Subaward FY24 \$164,444

Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
JZP385-202 - Specific Supplement \$13,440

The MIND Research Network
Microbiome-Gut-Brain Dysfunction in Prodromal and Symptomatic Lewy Body Diseases \$101,312

Gerson Suarez-Cedeno

Parkinson's Disease Foundation
PD Gene Registry \$20,000

Michel Torbey

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
The Southwestern Stroke Alliance Regional Coordinating Center \$404,296

The Mind Research Network
Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute - Continuation FY24 \$19,447

University of California, San Francisco
Brain Vascular Malformation Consortium: Predictors of Clinical Course - Continuation \$123,378

Neurosciences

Jonathan Brigman

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Prenatal Alcohol Exposure and Corticostriatal Control of Behavioral Flexibility - Non-Specific Supplement \$33,484

Andrew Carlson

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Clinical Stimulation and Spreading Depolarization \$381,250

Lee Anna Cunningham

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Network Mechanisms of Impaired Adult Hippocampal Neurogenesis in a Mouse Model of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure - Continuation \$340,875

David Linsenbardt

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Repeated Binge Drinking and the Genetic Regulation of Corticostriatal Synchrony - Non-Specific Supplement \$29,501

Samuel McKenzie

Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Functions for CA1 Axo-Axonic and Basket Interneurons in Sharp-Wave Ripple Replay and Spatial Memory \$24,778

Whitehall Foundation

Formation of Memory Spaces Through Plasticity of Lateral Inhibition \$300,000

Nikolaos Mellios

National Institute of Mental Health
Unraveling the Biogenesis and Molecular Mechanisms of a Neuronal-Enriched Circular RNA Altered in Psychiatric Disease. - Continuation \$543,266

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

Multimodal Characterization of the Role of Circular RNAs in Alzheimer's Disease - Continuation \$102,901

Shahani Noor

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Prenatal Alcohol Exposure Generates Vulnerability to the Proinflammatory Effects of Morphine and Adverse Neuroimmune Consequences - Continuation \$338,927

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Prenatal Alcohol Exposure Generates Vulnerability to the Proinflammatory Effects of Morphine and Adverse Neuroimmune Consequences - Non-Specific Supplement \$37,659

Nora Perrone-Bizzozero

University of South Carolina
Destabilization of Axonal MRNAs by KHSRP Controls Axon Regeneration - Continuation \$29,403

Daniel Savage

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Fetal Ethanol-Induced Behavioral Deficits: Mechanisms, Diagnoses and Intervention - Continuation \$1,482,336

Bill Shuttleworth

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Non-Canonical Mechanisms of Excitotoxicity - Continuation \$39,838

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Non-Canonical Mechanisms of Excitotoxicity - Non-Specific Supplement \$1,280

New Mexico State University
New Mexico IDEeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence \$209,909

New Mexico State University
Ryman-New Mexico IDEeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence - Continuation \$26,186

University of Utah

Spreading Depolarization in the Network Dysfunction Leading to Post-Traumatic Headache - Continuation \$115,500

Elif Tunc-Ozcan

National Institute of Mental Health
Neural Activity and Circuitry-Mediated Hippocampal Stress Responses \$249,000

Carlos Valenzuela

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Alcohol and Developing Neuronal Circuits - Continuation \$521,566

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Developmental Alcohol Exposure and Cerebro-Cerebellar Circuits - Continuation \$162,984

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Developmental Alcohol Exposure and Cerebro-Cerebellar Circuits - Non-Specific Supplement \$18,110

Tou Yia Vue

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Transcriptional Control of OPC Fate Specification and Homing to Gray Matter and White Matter in the CNS - Continuation \$337,110

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Transcriptional Control of OPC Fate Specification and Homing to Gray Matter and White Matter in the CNS - Non-Specific Supplement \$26,219

Jason Weick

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Molecular Mechanisms of Excitatory Postsynaptic Diversity - Continuation \$340,875

National Institute on Aging
Regulation of Sortilin-1 by Neuron-Specific Genes; Implications for AD and FTD \$419,375

National Institutes of Health
Molecular Mechanisms of Excitatory Postsynaptic Diversity - Non-Specific Supplement \$26,513

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Eve Espey

Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico
BCBS OBGYN Resident Scholarship for Rural Area \$197,341

New Mexico Sonographics
MFM Services/Ultrasound Readings - Continuation \$25,000

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
NM Reproductive Health Success Project \$141,083

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
OB/GYN Services & Medical Directorship - Continuation \$25,000

St. Vincent Regional Medical Center
OB/GYN Coverage- Continuation \$25,000

Peter Jeppson

Care New England
BEST Trial - PCORI - Specific Supplement \$94,999

Women and Infants' Hospital of Rhode Island
BEST Trial - PCORI - Continuation \$282,571

Kate Meriwether

RBI Medical
RBI Human Pilot \$31,471

RTI International
PFDN Capitation - Continuation \$3,919

RTI International
PFDN Capitation - Non-Specific Supplement \$15,055

Amber Truehart

The Lalor Foundation
Lalor Foundation Grant \$39,930

Christina Yarrington

Boston University
Postpartum Blood Pressure Monitoring Outcomes \$56,065

Office of the Medical Investigator

Lauren Dvorscak

U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness - U.S. v. Josiah Alan Smith \$7,394

Heather Edgar

U.S. Department of Justice
Cold Case Resolutions for the State of New Mexico \$999,558

U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness - H. Edgar - U.S. v. Yellowhorse \$2,923

Heather Jarrell

Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIA Autopsy Services - Continuation FY24 \$65,014

Memorial Medical Center
Autopsy Services - Memorial Medical Center - Continuation \$5,000

N.M. Crime Victims Reparation Commission
Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance FY 2024 - Continuation \$99,441

N.M. Public Safety Department
FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program - Formula \$65,669

U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness - H. Jarrell - U.S. v. Halen Tsoisie \$1,723

U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness - USA v. Malcom Torres \$11,354

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Autopsy Services - Continuation \$59,266

UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center
MOA: OMI - SRMC FY24 \$45,000

Aidan Kerr

U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness - Aidan Kerr - U.S. v. Moreno OMI# 2021-07189 \$7,806

U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness - U.S. v. Labar Tsethikai \$12,145

U.S. Department of Justice
USA v. Marc Clark. OMI# 2021-08249 \$6,423



Clarissa Krinsky
U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness -
U.S. v. Jerrold Chavarria \$5,421

Sarah Lathrop
CDC Foundation
Medicolegal Death Investigation Novel
Data Modernization Initiatives \$250,000

N.M. Department of Health
HBCD Peer Navigator \$300,000

N.M. Department of Health
Increase Timeliness of Fatal
Opioid Overdose \$521,586

U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission
MECAP Reports \$1,008

U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission
MECAP Reports - Non-Specific
Supplement \$504

Sophia Rodriguez
U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness - U.S. v. Christopher
Acevedo \$5,425

Daniel Gallego Umama
CVPath Institute
Improving Understanding and Diagnosis of
Post-Acute Sequelae of the SARS-CoV-2
Infection on the Heart: a Cardiac Magnetic
Resonance and Autopsy Study \$42,322

New York University Grossman
School of Medicine
The SARS-CoV-2 Autopsy Cohort Post
Acute Sequelae of COVID Study - Phase
II - Continuation \$275,794

U.S. Department of Justice
Expert Witness- D. Gallego - U.S. v.
Maylene John \$2,970

Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences

James Chodosh
Eye Associates of New Mexico
Neuro-Ophthalmology Services -
Continuation \$215,405

Massachusetts Eye and Ear
Infirmary
Transitioning the Minimally Invasive
Artificial Cornea Mi-KPro From Bench to
Bedside \$31,886

National Eye Institute
Immunopathogenesis of Adenovirus
Keratitis - Continuation \$318,602

National Eye Institute
Immunopathogenesis of Adenovirus
Keratitis - Non-Specific Supplement \$5,178

University of California, San
Francisco
SCORPIO - Continuation \$20,379

University of California, San
Francisco
SCORPIO - Continuation 2 \$20,409

Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation

Deana Mercer
Axogen Corporation
COVERED \$40,832

Nathan Morrell
UNM Rainforest Innovations
Prosthetic Implant for CMC
Arthritis \$25,000

Dustin Richter
Arthroscopy Association of North
America
2025 AOSSM & Enovis
Fellowship Grant \$3,950

Stryker Orthopaedics &
Rehabilitation
Consulting Agreement \$28,000

University of Pittsburgh
Surgical Timing and Rehabilitation
for Multiple Ligament Knee Injuries: A
Multicenter Integrated Clinical Trial -
Continuation \$4,022

University of Pittsburgh
Surgical Timing and Rehabilitation
for Multiple Ligament Knee Injuries: A
Multicenter Integrated Clinical Trial -
Specific Supplement \$1,189

University of Pittsburgh
Surgical Timing and Rehabilitation
for Multiple Ligament Knee Injuries: A
Multicenter Integrated Clinical Trial -
Specific Supplement \$3,165

University of Pittsburgh
Surgical Timing and Rehabilitation
for Multiple Ligament Knee Injuries: A
Multicenter Integrated Clinical Trial -
Specific Supplement \$2,825

Christina Salas
emTruth Inc.
EmTRUTH \$50,000

UNM Rainforest Innovations
L.E.G.A.R.D. \$25,000

Robert Schenck
University of New Mexico
Healthcare Services for Student Athletes
(Lobo Clinic) \$391,812

Selina Silva
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's
Hospital of Chicago
Infrastructure for Musculoskeletal Pediatric
Acute Care Clinical Trials \$4,540

Gehron Treme
Arca Foundation
Medical Director Services \$25,000

Balanced Physical Therapy and
Wellness LLC
Physical Therapists Evaluate and Treat
Patients - Continuation \$25,000

Balanced Physical Therapy and
Wellness LLC
Physical Therapists Services-
Continuation \$25,000

Pathology

Elaine Bearer
National Institute of Neurological
Disorders and Stroke
Mapping and Modulating
Brain States \$39,403

Tione Buranda
Association of Public Health
Laboratories
Subject Matter Expert- DEIA \$35,280

Jennifer Gillette
American Heart Association
ABCA1-Dependent Cholesterol Efflux
Can Regulate Can Regulate Cholesterol
Content in Endothelial Cells \$6,000

American Heart Association
Acid-Sensing Ion Channel in Pulmonary
Hypertension \$6,000

American Heart Association
Unveiling the Contribution of Extregs
to Hypoxic Pulmonary Hypertension
Pathogenesis \$6,000

National Heart, Lung, and Blood
Institute
Functional Role of Tetraspanin CD82 in
Hematopoietic Stem Cell Interactions -
Continuation \$376,845

Nancy Joste
Southwest Gastroenterology
Associates, P.C
Medical Director &
Physician Services \$25,000

TriCore Reference Laboratories
Medical Director/Scientific Director
Services - Continuation \$2,194,059

TriCore Reference Laboratories
Medical Director/Scientific Director
Services - Continuation \$2,124,314

UNM Hospital
Pathology Services \$572,993

Diane Lidke

Genmab
Dissecting the Mechanisms of Action for
Hexobody-Driven DR5-Induced Cell Death
- Continuation \$181,155

Los Alamos National Laboratory
System Dynamics of PD-1 Signaling in T
Cells - Mod 1 \$17,054

Los Alamos National Laboratory
System Dynamics of PD-1 Signaling in T
Cells - Mod 2 \$165,503

National Institute of General
Medical Sciences
Imaging the Early Events in Membrane
Receptor Signaling \$465,354

Yale University
Understanding How Receptor Tyrosine
Kinase Activation Dynamics Specify
Proliferative Cellular Responses -
Amendment 4 \$189,315

Yale University
Understanding How Receptor Tyrosine
Kinase Activation Dynamics Specify
Proliferative Cellular Responses -
Continuation \$195,293

Dennis McCance
University of Virginia
Biospecimen Procurement and Tissue
Microarray Manufacture for the CHTN -
Continuation \$128,337

University of Virginia
Biospecimen Procurement and Tissue
Microarray Manufacture for the CHTN -
Non-Specific Supplement \$21,566

Aysha Mubeen
TriCore Reference Laboratories
TO#43 Ventana 2024 MET 25% &
50% Studies \$39,820

Samuel Reynolds
TriCore Reference Laboratories
TO#44 Ventana 2024 MET 25% &
50% Studies \$39,820

Larry Sklar
Boston Children's Hospital
Compounds That Block a Novel Candida
Albicans Target - Continuation \$31,118

Angela Wandinger-Ness
National Institute of General
Medical Sciences
Academic Science Education and Research
Training - Continuation \$1,045,992



Pediatrics

Shirley Abraham
American Thrombosis and
Hemostatis Network
American Thrombosis and Hemostatis
Network Round 15 - Continuation \$12,500

Hemophilia Alliance Foundation
Hemophilia Treatment Center - HAF
Submission \$8,000

Oregon Health & Science University
ATHN_CDC_Public Health Surveillance
for the Prevention of Complications of
Bleeding Disorders - Continuation \$30,000

Oregon Health & Science University
Regional Hemophilia Network - Mountain
States - Non-Specific Supplement \$221,589

Oregon Health & Science University
Regional Hemophilia Network - Mountain
States - Y3 Continuation \$50,000

Razan Alkhouri
Ardelyx
TEN-01-304 \$72,373

Suzanne Burns
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Building Accessibility in the
Community \$25,977

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Opening the Door for Accessibility Ratings
in the Community: Stage of
Adoption \$18,922

Glenda Canaca
N.M. Human Services Department
Social Marketing 23-24 \$635,333

Theresa Cruz
N.M. Children, Youth & Families
Department
Safe Sleep Focus Groups 24 \$127,500

N.M. Human Services Department
SNAP-ED Evaluation 23-24 \$308,921

Presbyterian Healthcare Services
Chair Care Evaluation \$25,000

Presbyterian Healthcare Services
DPP Evaluation \$100,000

Presbyterian Healthcare Services
REACH Evaluation 23-24 \$112,000

Sally Davis
N.M. Department of Health
Implementing Evidence-Based
Recommendations in Community
Projects 23-24 \$42,500

Darrell Dinwiddie
Arkansas Children's Research
Institute
Pediatric Acute Respiratory
Infection Study \$572,169

Sandia National Laboratories
COVID-19 Multiplexed Virus Detection
Via Metal-Organic Framework-Based
Biosensors - Continuation \$98,800

Timothy Dionne
Bureau of Health Professions
HRSA Scholarship for Disadvantaged
Students - Non-Specific
Supplement \$25,000

Kevin Estes
Region IX Education Cooperative
PED REA 23-24 \$64,000

Janell Fuller
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National
Institute of Child Health and
Human Development
Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD
Cooperative Multicenter Neonatal
Research Network - Continuation \$296,913

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Institute of Child Health and
Human Development
Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD
Cooperative Multicenter Neonatal
Research Network - Non-Specific
Supplement \$32,990

Rebecca Girardet N.M. Crime Victim Reparation Commission VOCA FY24	\$54,524	Brindle Foundation <i>Optimizing Care for Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome in Rural N.M.</i>	\$25,000	N.M. Department of Health <i>DDSD Community Inclusion</i>	\$100,000
W.K. Kellogg Foundation <i>Measuring Child Maltreatment Incidence and Community Protective Factors in New Mexico</i>	\$300,000	Falling Colors Corporation <i>School-Based Health Center Services</i>	\$673,000	N.M. Department of Health <i>DDSD Partners for Employment</i>	\$562,800
Sandra Heimerl American Academy of Pediatrics <i>Act Early Ambassador - Specific Supplement</i>	\$6,000	Jean Lowe Research Triangle Institute <i>Darbe-KIDS</i>	\$94,179	N.M. Department of Health <i>DOH Autism Programs</i>	\$3,749,744
N.M. Developmental Disabilities Planning Council <i>NM LEND Legislative Advocacy - Partners in Policymaking</i>	\$2,500	Research Triangle Institute <i>School Age Follow-Up for the Darbepoetin Trial</i>	\$94,179	N.M. Department of Health <i>MFP Contract</i>	\$106,000
Mary Hill New Mexico State University <i>N.M. Agrability - Assistive Technology Program for Farmers With Disabilities - Continuation</i>	\$37,623	Peggy MacLean Falling Colors Corporation <i>ECECD FAN Training</i>	\$32,200	N.M. Department of Health <i>New Mexico Waiver Training Hub</i>	\$253,764
Michele Hutchison Outcome Sciences, Inc. <i>NN8640-4978</i>	\$15,000	Falling Colors Corporation <i>FAN Home Visiting Training</i>	\$59,150	N.M. Department of Health & Human Services <i>New Mexico SAFE Program</i>	\$105,000
Rebecca Kilburn Albuquerque Public Schools <i>APS 1807 23-24</i>	\$120,000	Falling Colors Corporation <i>HATCH (Level 2 NICU)</i>	\$410,400	N.M. Developmental Disabilities Planning Council <i>DDC Information Network</i>	\$160,000
Imagine New Mexico <i>Imagine New Mexico</i>	\$125,000	Santa Fe Community College <i>First-Born Training</i>	\$32,200	N.M. Early Childhood Education & Care Department <i>Early Childhood Evaluation Program (SGF) and Early Childhood Evaluation Program Part B</i>	\$1,282,458
Institute of Education Sciences <i>Tipsytext - Continuation Year 2/5</i>	\$921,374	Michael Marble N.M. Department of Health <i>DOH CMS Newborn Screening - Specific Supplement</i>	\$170,000	N.M. Early Childhood Education & Care Department <i>Early Childhood Network</i>	\$611,742
N.M. Department of Health <i>Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey</i>	\$50,000	Sofia Markee Abbott Laboratories Inc. <i>Abbott Laboratories AL46</i>	\$11,482	N.M. Early Childhood Education & Care Department <i>Early Childhood Network - Continuation</i>	\$211,000
N.M. Department of Health <i>Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey - Specific Supplement</i>	\$225,751	Rekovar Inc. <i>Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Data Collection and Monitoring</i>	\$170,289	N.M. Early Childhood Education & Care Department <i>FIT FOCUS - Gratitude Payment</i>	\$125,000
N.M. Public Education Department <i>Healthy Schools Evaluation YRRS 24-25</i>	\$53,984	Jessie Maxwell National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism <i>Poison Center Stabilization and Enhancement Program</i>	\$193,699	Martha Muller Cystic Fibrosis Foundation <i>CFF Pharmacy Services - Continuation</i>	\$53,045
N.M. Public Education Department <i>PED Evaluation 23-24</i>	\$39,000	Marcia Moriarta Administration for Community Living <i>University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities - Continuation</i>	\$620,675	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation <i>Cystic Fibrosis Center of New Mexico - CF Registry</i>	\$87,010
N.M. Public Education Department <i>PED Evaluation 23-24 - Specific Supplement</i>	\$25,000	Falling Colors Corporation <i>IMH CPP</i>	\$62,800	Dawn (Walstrom) Novak N.M. Early Childhood Education & Care Department <i>Developmental Care Continuity Program - Continuation - Non-Specific Supplement</i>	\$85,000
Santa Fe County <i>CONNECT Evaluation</i>	\$149,695	Falling Colors Corporation <i>IMH CPP, Manuals, Training and Consultation</i>	\$48,200	Loretta Cordova de Ortega Children's Hospital Colorado <i>Pediatric Electrophysiology Services Pediatric Cardiology Service</i>	\$25,000
Hellen Ko Infant Bacterial Therapeutics AB <i>IBP-9414-020</i>	\$32,000	Falling Colors Corporation <i>NM ECECD Home Visiting Training</i>	\$1,635,321	Presbyterian Healthcare Services <i>Pediatric Interventional Cardiology Medical Director - Continuation</i>	\$25,000
Alberta Kong Aleut-Odle Training and Development <i>Providing Medical Services at ABQ Job Corps</i>	\$111,136	Falling Colors Corporation <i>Nurse-Family Partnership</i>	\$974,637	Presbyterian Healthcare Services <i>Pediatric Nephrology Medical Director Services - Continuation</i>	\$3,952
		Falling Colors Corporation <i>Parents As Teachers</i>	\$676,065		

Presbyterian Healthcare Services
Pediatric Services - Continuation \$25,000

Patricia Osbourn

Bloomfield Public Schools
Bloomfield Consultations \$16,742

Bureau of Indian Education
Havasupai Elementary Consultation - Continuation \$169,660

Carlsbad Municipal Schools
Carlsbad Consultations \$8,922

Central Consolidated School District
Central Consolidated Consultations \$43,207

Falling Colors Corporation
Peer Support and Referrals \$99,986

Mescalero Apache Schools
Mescalero Consultations \$13,192

N.M. Department of Health
Mi Via Waiver Provider Program \$1,575,422

N.M. Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Short Courses for Teaching Gene-Environment Interactions With a Focus on Environmental Justice Communities \$10,000

N.M. Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
UNM Partners in Policymaking \$52,000

N.M. Early Childhood Education & Care Department
Autism & Early Intervention \$100,000

N.M. Public Education Department
SET PED \$486,200

Pecos Independent Schools
Pecos Consultations \$12,263

Region IX Education Cooperative
Region IX Education Cooperative \$179,300

Rio Rancho Public Schools
Rio Rancho Consultations \$109,892

Ruidoso Municipal Schools
Ruidoso Consultations \$7,804

U.S. Department of Education
Project for N.M. Children Who Are Deaf-Blind \$117,970

Tim Ozechowski

Partnership to End Addiction
Adolescent-Only SBI Versus Family-Based SBI in Primary Care for Adolescent Alcohol Use \$15,094

Partnership to End Addiction
Adolescent-Only SBI Versus Family-Based SBI in Primary Care for Adolescent Alcohol Use - Continuation \$15,094

Heather Pratt-Chavez

Administration for Children and Families
FOCUS Program Federal Expansion \$2,000,000

Mary Ramos

Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation
Enhancing Structural Competency in SBHC to Address LGBTQ Adolescent - Continuation \$78,878

Amy Staples

North American Pediatric Renal Transplant Coop Study
NAPRTCS Registry - CfDNA Amendment \$2,250

Jessica Valdez

Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Disparities in Clinical Trial Enrollment Among Adolescents and Young Adults With Cancer \$57,107

Public Health Institute
Children's Oncology Group/Public Health Institute Work Order - AR62272 FY24 \$7,500

Public Health Institute
COG PHI Work Order AR67215 \$48,318

St. Baldrick's Foundation
St. Baldrick's Grant Submission FY24 Continuation \$50,000

Monique Vallabhan

Brindle Foundation
Advancing Hepatitis C Detection and Treatment in Northern N.M. Children \$30,000

Jennifer Vickers

N.M. Department of Health
Continuum of Care MAIN \$961,200

N.M. Department of Health
CORE \$1,554,483

N.M. Department of Health
Mortality Review \$168,832

Craig Wong

Nationwide Children's Hospital
A CureGN II - Continuation \$15,500

The Children's Mercy Hospital
CKiD V \$19,159

Nan Zeng

Colorado State University
Obesity Prevention Targets for Down Syndrome - Continuation Yr2 \$23,780

N.M. Human Services Department
CHILE Plus - Continuation 23-24 \$463,825

Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Christopher Abbott

National Institute of Mental Health
2/4 Deciphering Mechanisms of ECT Outcomes and Adverse Effects (DECODE) \$525,248

National Institute of Mental Health
Electroconvulsive Therapy Amplitude Titration for Improved Clinical Outcomes in Late-Life Depression \$619,767

National Institute of Mental Health
Electroconvulsive Therapy Amplitude Titration for Improved Clinical Outcomes in Late-Life Depression \$68,862



Deborah Altschul

N.M. Behavioral Health Collaborative
Everyone Deserves \$211,000

San Felipe Pueblo

San Felipe KEVA III - Katishtya Eh-wahs Valued Always III \$500,000

David Arciniegas

Lovelace Biomedical & Environmental Research Institute
A Longitudinal Study of Traumatic Brain Injury in a High-Risk Population \$9,893

University of Colorado

Emotional Dyscontrol in Veterans with Extended History of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Upright Balance Control and Auditory Sensory Processing Contributions \$11,442

Caroline Bonham

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
IHS-Albuquerque Area Office Substance Abuse & Mental Health Clinical & Community Education Training & Outreach Services - Option Yr4 \$99,000

Falling Colors Corporation

Forensic - BHSD FY24 \$90,000

Indian Health Service

IHS Tele-Behavioral Health Center of Excellence \$650,000

Indian Health Service

IHS Tele-behavioral Health, Training & Consultation - Modification 20 \$106,491

Indian Health Service

IHS Tele-Behavioral Health, Training & Consultation - Modification 25 \$42,415

N.M. Indian Affairs Department
NM IAD FY24 Suicide Prevention Initiative \$55,000

Juan Bustillo

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
CONNEX 2 \$366,036

The Mind Research Network

Phase III COBRE \$174,995

Richard Campbell

The Mind Research Network
The Impact of Diffuse Mild Brain Injury on Clinical Outcomes in Children \$7,919

Thomas Chavez

Taos Pueblo Division of Health and Community Services
Taos Pueblo Tiwa Babies II \$88,850

Annette Crisanti

City of Albuquerque
Albuquerque Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes Coordination - FY24 \$99,999

N.M. Behavioral Health Collaborative

Opening Doors for Homeless - FY24 - Opening Doors through Services and Supports for Homeless Individuals with Serious Mental Illness or Co-Occurring Disorder \$118,720

Rebecca Ezechukwu

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
Addressing Childhood Trauma through Intervention, Outreach, and Networking III \$400,000

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Addressing Childhood Trauma through Intervention, Outreach, and Networking III \$400,000

Brian Isakson

N.M. Children, Youth & Families Department
Healthy Transitions Expansion Program Behavioral Health Services Evaluation Supplement \$340,000

Tyler Kincaid

N.M. Behavioral Health Collaborative
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Extension \$250,000

N.M. Behavioral Health Collaborative

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Planning \$200,000

N.M. Children, Youth & Families Department

Multi-Systemic Therapy Data Reporting Initiative - FY24 \$126,800

David Lardier

Montclair State University
PFS - Paterson (N.J.) / Montclair State University Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success Initiative - Year 4 of 5 \$21,000

Montclair State University

Prevention Navigator - The Paterson (N.J.) / Montclair State University Substance Misuse, HIV and Viral Hepatitis Prevention Navigator Initiative for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Ages 13-24 - Year 3 of 5 \$25,000

N.M. Public Education Department
N.M. Project AWARE Training Supplement - New Mexico Project Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education Training Supplement \$9,200

Christopher Morris

Falling Colors Corporation
Systems of Care III \$277,306

Jennifer Perillo

Falling Colors Corporation
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulants, Substance Abuse Site-Based Program/ Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (BHSD-funded) \$83,250

Falling Colors Corporation

CRAFT Implementation - Community Reinforcement & Family Training Impementation (State-Funded) \$85,000



N.M. Behavioral Health Collaborative
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulants, Substance Abuse Site-Based Program/Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion - Final 3 Months of Federal Funding \$27,750

Davin Quinn
 The Mind Research Network
A Perspective Observational Study on Therapeutic and Adverse Affects of Medical Cannabis for Chronic Traumatic Brain Injury \$21,834

U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
Multimodal Image Analysis and Guidance of Neuromodulation for Trauma-Related Symptoms \$2,479,978

Julie Salvador
 Falling Colors Corporation
New Mexico State Opioid Response 3 \$1,476,531

Falling Colors Corporation
New Mexico State Opioid Response 3 - July-Sept 2023 of Federal Year 1 \$403,977

Falling Colors Corporation
Workforce Clinical Supervision Training \$75,000

N.M. Behavioral Health Collaborative
ECHO for Clinical Supervision - Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes for Clinical Supervision \$155,700

Mauricio Tohen
 McLean Hospital
UNM/McLean First Episode Study \$46,140

Ann Waldorf
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
UNM-PCSS NP & Expansion - UNM Provider's Clinical Support System Nurse Practitioners & Expansion \$150,000

Daniel Williams
 Falling Colors Corporation
Assertive Community Treatment - 7-month Continuation \$150,000

N.M. Behavioral Health Collaborative
Assertive Community Treatment - Final 3 Months \$34,202

Deidre Yellowhair
 Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
Trauma Informed to Build Resilient, Indigenous, Balanced Communities Enhanced With Strength - Yr 4 \$1,200,000

Radiology

Gary Mlady
 Indian Health Service
Medical Physicist- Albuquerque Indian Health Service - Continuation \$7,000

Linda Schenkel
 ABQ Orthodontics
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

Reed Selwyn
 ABQ Orthodontics
Qualified Medical Physicists Services - Continuation \$25,000

Central New Mexico Community College Radiologic Technology Program
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$1,000

City of Aztec
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

Four Corners ASC
Qualified Medical Physicists Services - Continuation \$25,000

High Mesa Dental Arts, PC
Qualified Medical Physicist Services \$25,000

Interventional Pain Associates
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

John F. Crisler, DDS, PA
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

Lovelace Health System
Qualified Medical Physicists Services - Continuation \$25,000

N.M. Department of Health
Clinical Services for BCC Program Project \$89,675

N.M. Department of Health
Clinical Services for BCC Program Project - Continuation \$126,941

N.M. Department of Health
Provide Clinical Services for Enrolled in the BCC Program \$126,941

New Mexico Center for Pain & Wellness
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

Rollin' Paws Mobile Veterinary Service
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

Sandia Pain Center LLC
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

Santo Domingo Health Center
Qualified Medical Physicist Services - Continuation \$25,000

Signature Dental Partners Holdings, LLC
Qualified Medical Physicists Services \$25,000

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Provide Radiological and Nuclear Medicine Diagnostic and Therapy Services for NMVAHCS \$406,381

X-Ray Associates of New Mexico
Qualified Medical Physicist Services - Continuation \$25,000

Henrik Ullman
 Foundation of the American Society of Neuroradiology
Stroke Imaging Biomarkers Using Cerebral Catheter Angiography \$28,356

Student Services

Sheila Hickey
 Health Resources and Services Administration
School of Medicine MD Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students - Non-Specific Supplement \$25,000

Teresa Vigil-Baca
 Health Resources and Services Administration
School of Medicine MD Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students - Continuation \$650,000

Health Resources and Services Administration
School of Medicine MD Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students - Continuation \$650,000

Surgery

Ross Clark
 Exhalix, LLC
HEALS Phase II: An Active Hydrogen Sulfide Delivery Technique for Accelerated, Effective Wound Healing \$281,172

Ryan Oroscio
 Alume Biosciences, Inc.
Clinical Trial - Alume Biosciences Loupes Study H&N \$91,021



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Eve Espey

N.M. Prenatal Medical Services
DOH Prenatal Medical Services Project
FY24 \$720,000

Arthur Kaufman

UNM Hospital
Case Management Services for Bernalillo
County \$300,000

Rodney McNease

Bernalillo County
Behavioral Health Services
FY24 \$2,000,000

Robert Perry

N.M. Department of Health
DOH 2024 New Mexico Medical Reserve
Corps FY24 UNM 030095 \$85,000

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DOH 2024 New Mexico Medical Reserve
Corps FY24 UNM 030095 A1. \$23,925

UNM MEDICAL GROUP, INC.

Elizabeth Kocher

Albuquerque Healthcare for the
Homeless, Inc.
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Alma Family Medicine
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Cañoncito Band of Navajos Health
Center
Locum Tenens Services \$25,000

El Centro Family Health
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

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Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

El Pueblo Health Service
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

La Clinica del Pueblo de Rio Arriba
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Laguna Healthcare Corporation
Locum Tenens Services \$25,000

Pueblo of Sandia
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc,
dba Pine Hill Health Center
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Rehoboth McKinley Christian
Health Care Services
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Santo Domingo Health Center
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Gary Mlady

First Choice Community
Healthcare
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

La Familia Medical Center
Locum Tenens Physician Services \$25,000

Miners Colfax Medical Center
Locum Tenens Physician Services -
Continuation \$25,000

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Continuation \$25,000



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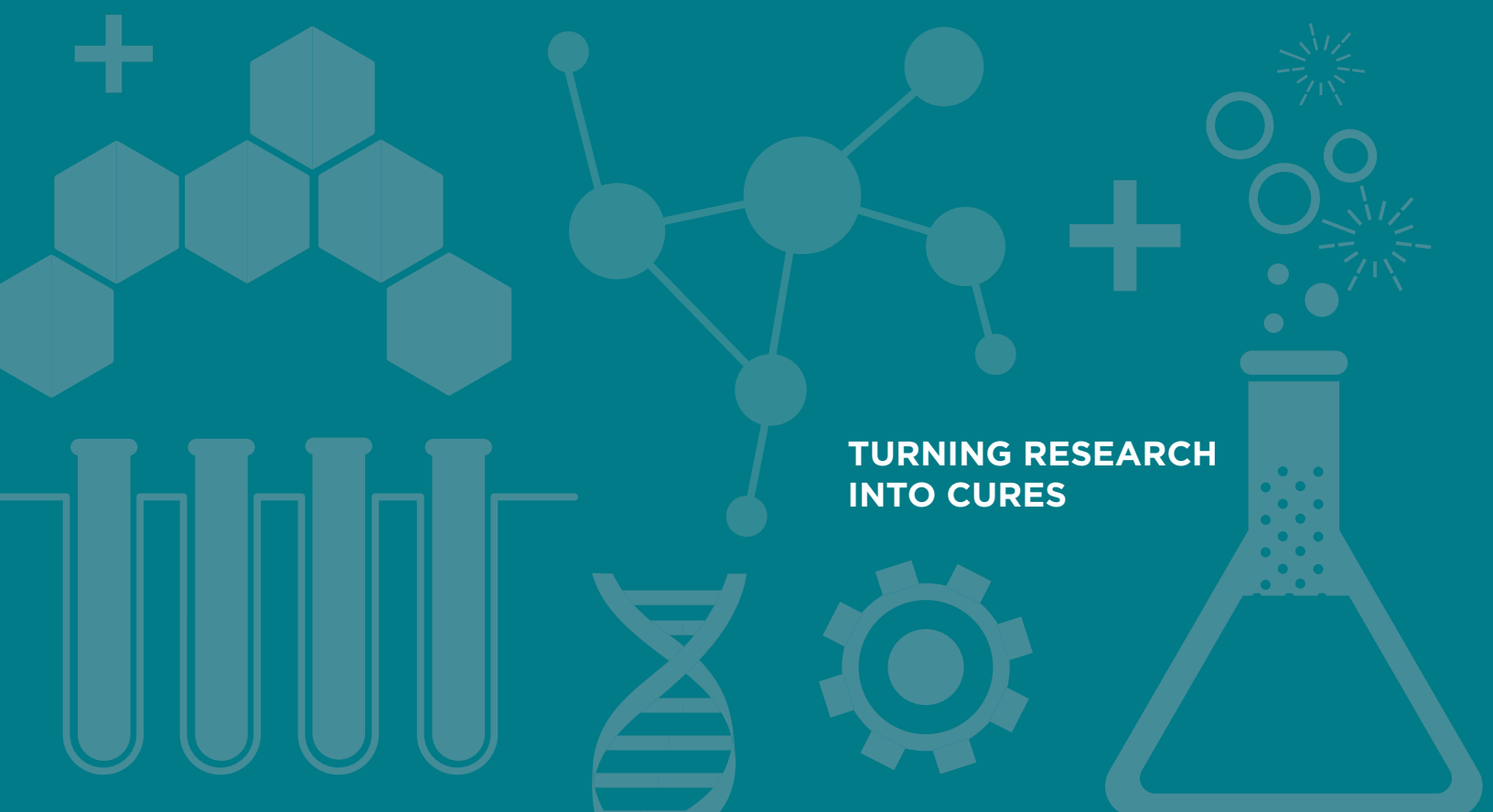


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