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**The Whittemore Peterson Institute Celebrates Formal Dedication of New Building**  
*Innovative research facility to offer unique collaboration of science and medical treatment*

**Reno, Nev.** – Today, the Whittemore Peterson Institute (WPI) celebrated the completion of its new facility at the Center for Molecular Medicine. The WPI is the first institute in the world to integrate research, education and treatment of neuro-immune diseases. Located at the University of Nevada, Reno, the \$77 million facility is the result of an innovative partnership funded by a combination of University research grants, private contributions to the WPI, and public funding from the state of Nevada. The new WPI facilities, set to open in fall 2010, include executive and administrative offices, research and clinical labs and a medical clinic.

“The completion of this building is the realization of a dream and a beacon of hope for patients affected with neuro-immune diseases,” said Annette Whittemore, president and founder of the Whittemore Peterson Institute. “Our strategic partnership with the University, combined with this dynamic setting gives us confidence that the research done here will translate into innovative medical care for patients around the globe. We are proud that our work will soon lead to new avenues of research and treatment for these diseases.”

Monday’s program included a reception for donors, government officials, and personal friends of the institute and University, followed by brief presentations on the topics of higher education, University and WPI research, and the significance of this new medical research building. Speakers included U.S. Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign, U.S. Representatives Shelley Berkley and Dean Heller, State Senator William Raggio, University President Milton Glick and Annette Whittemore.

“The WPI’s comprehensive medical program will bring together physicians, nurses, technicians, state-of-the-art equipment and other resources to provide an incomparable suite of medical services and information.” said Mike Hillerby, director of operations at the Whittemore Peterson Institute. “This facility will offer a unique setting where medical care, clinical laboratory testing and research can be integrated to develop effective treatments for patients suffering from chronic debilitating diseases.”

The Whittemore Peterson Institute will hold an invitation-only scientific symposium on Tuesday, August 17, bringing together leading researchers, clinicians, and key collaborators from the medical and research community to discuss the latest XMRV research findings, medical research data and

evaluate treatment outcomes since the publication of their 2009 XMRV study. The symposium organized by the Whittemore Peterson Institute, entitled *XMRV in Human Disease*, will be led by WPI Director of Research, Dr. Judy Mikovits.

On August 21, the University and WPI will host an open house at the Center for Molecular Medicine from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will be open to the public and will include tours of the new facilities. Researchers and representatives of the Whittemore Peterson Institute and University of Nevada School of Medicine will be on hand to discuss the new facility and its ongoing research.

For additional information about the Whittemore Peterson Institute and for a list of upcoming news and events, please visit [www.wpinstitute.org](http://www.wpinstitute.org).

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