

# NEWS RELEASE

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### PRESS CONFERENCE

School of Medicine Geneticist to Announce Medical Discovery  
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**EMBARGO: Thursday, April 8, 1993, 3 p.m. (Pacific Time)**

The University of Nevada School of Medicine will hold a press conference **Thursday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m.** to announce the recent medical discovery made by Colleen A. Morris, M.D., a clinical geneticist at the medical school, and researchers at the University of Utah. The researchers have discovered the gene that causes supra-aortic stenosis (SVAS), a genetic disorder that causes narrowing of major arteries, heart failure and death.

"Finding a single gene that affects the large blood vessels of the heart gives us insight into the genetic factor which cause congenital heart disease," says Dr. Morris, assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics and director of the clinical genetics program. "This discovery may lead to better understanding of the pathophysiology of common vascular disorders like atherosclerosis, a disease that causes stroke, heart attack and blood clotting in hundreds of thousands of Americans."

The press conference will take place on the sixth floor at 2040 W. Charleston Blvd. Dr. Morris and medical school dean Robert M. Daugherty, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., will be available to answer questions about this significant discovery. Press releases and additional information will be released to the media at the press conference.

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