Rutgers and UMDNJ merger set to support healthcare industries

New Brunswick, NJ, August 21, 2014 — As David Matthau of New Jersey 101.5 reports, Gov. Chris Christie believes the merger of Rutgers and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) last summer has already bolstered the pharmaceutical industry. This came as no surprise as the combined schools offer a “one-stop shopping for the pharmaceutical industry and the biomedical industry.”

The governor explained that pharmaceutical companies work with universities and hospitals “to do everything from the initial research in the laboratories with professors and others, all the way through the clinical trials that you have to do on people in the hospitals.”

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