

Texas researchers plan to create national obesity genome registry

Texas has one of the highest obesity rates in the nation...Now, San Antonio researchers are using South Texas volunteers to collect an obesity genome registry.

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San Antonio's [Texas Biomedical Research Institute](#) is teaming up with the group [TOPS](#) [on a new obesity research tool called the [TOPS Genome Registry](#).] The idea is to get family histories and DNA samples from thousands of people across North America...Scientists will use the information to pinpoint genetic factors that weave into diet and exercise and impact obesity.

"I think this will be an invaluable resource," stated Tony Comuzzie..."This is the kind of effort that has potentially very long term payoffs."

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Michael Olivier...said there won't be any one gene to pinpoint, but eventually, he believes physicians will be able to tailor their weight loss advice to patients based on that person's individual history and genetics.

"Bringing in this additional genetic information and studying this aspect will help physicians to use that information more effectively to advise patients in the future," Olivier added.

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