

## Romark Laboratories to open plant in Puerto Rico

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(AP)—Puerto Rico's governor says Florida-based pharmaceutical company Romark Laboratories L.C. is building a \$110 million plant in the U.S. territory.

Alejandro Garcia Padilla says construction will begin in January and that nearly 200 jobs will be created in three years.

He said Friday that the new plant will focus on research, development and commercialization of <u>molecular therapy</u> to fight cancer and <u>infectious diseases</u>.

The announcement comes a day after animal health company Merial announced it would buy a Merck manufacturing plant in Puerto Rico that was being closed and retain its 200 employees. The plant is expected to manufacture and package Heartgard and Heartgard Plus products.

Merial is a Sanofi subsidiary with headquarters based in Lyon, France.

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