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**AMPUTEE TRANSCONTINENTAL BIKE RIDE
ARRIVES AT HEALTHSOUTH ALBUQUERQUE**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Amputees Across America, a group of amputees making a transcontinental bike ride, will arrive at **HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Albuquerque at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009**. A welcome reception will be held in honor of the cyclists who are riding in relays across the United States and visiting hospitals to increase public awareness of amputees as people with active lifestyles.

While in Albuquerque, Amputees Across America members, Doc Milligan, Amber “AJ” Johnson and Abel Cruz, will visit HealthSouth Albuquerque patients and members of the amputee support group to share stories of overcoming their amputation to live healthy, fulfilling lives. The hospital will also celebrate the visit with staff, local diplomats and former patients. S.E.D Laboratories will also be joining us that day offering cholesterol checks for \$7.00 per exam. Don’t miss out on the Daschaund Dash and there will be a bike decorating contest for the kids. The event is open to the community, so don’t miss out on all the fun.

“We are delighted to host Amputees Across America at our hospital,” says Sylvia Kelly, HealthSouth Albuquerque chief executive officer. “This visit provides an excellent opportunity for our patients as well as our community to see first hand that no physical disability should keep anyone from living an active lifestyle.”

This is the eighth year AAA has made a cross-country journey. The riders departed on May 27, 2009 from HealthSouth Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital in California. To reach their final destination at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Vineland in New Jersey on July 23, 2009, the group will travel 3,500 miles and stop at 23 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospitals in less than 60 days. For more information about this year’s journey and the riders who make it possible, visit www.healthsouthnewmexico.com/ride2009/.

HealthSouth Albuquerque is a 67-bed inpatient hospital that provides a higher level of rehabilitative care to patients who are recovering from stroke and other neurological disorders, brain and spinal cord injury, amputations and orthopedic, cardiac and pulmonary conditions. Accredited by The Joint Commission, the hospital is located at 7000 Jefferson St., NE.

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