



## Top Stories

### Symposium Nearly Full

Registrations are nearing the 400-person limit for the Mayo Clinic National Symposium on Health Care Reform on March 9-11. Anyone thinking about attending should act soon. You can register online at [www.mayoclinic.org/healthpolicycenter/2008-symposium.html](http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthpolicycenter/2008-symposium.html).

See the [final agenda](#) for the Symposium.

### Presentation to New York Business Leaders

On January 10, the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center sponsored the monthly meeting of the [New York Business Group on Health](#). Business leaders from the region participated in a lively discussion with Denis Cortese, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Mayo Clinic, and Mr. Robert Smoldt, Executive Director of Mayo's Health Policy Center. The group provided valuable feedback about the health policy principles being developed by the center, and discussed implications of reform and ways business can have a positive impact on employee health and wellness.

## Upcoming Events

### National Press Club Appearance

Denis Cortese, M.D., will speak at the National Press Club's newsmaker luncheon at noon on Friday, March 21, in Washington D.C. Dr. Cortese will provide an overview of results from this symposium and discuss the changes needed to create a patient-centered health care system in the United States. Tickets are \$35 and can be reserved by calling 202-662-7501. For more information, see [www.press.org](http://www.press.org).

## In the News

*A Cure for Health Care?*  
"So much of health care is in big trouble today. Minnesota's Mayo Clinic is driving major change on a national level. They say they can't "fix" the system because there was never one created in the first place. Mayo Clinic's CEO Denis Cortese says, "Nobody ever designed one."  
Story on [KARE-TV](#),  
Minneapolis, February 6 and 7.

## Recommendations

Over the last two years, Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center has convened more than 400 national thought leaders to help develop consensus-driven principles to guide the reform process.  
[See their recommendations.](#)

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## About the Health Policy Center

The Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center is convening national thought leaders in a series of events to help develop a new consensus-driven vision for health care in America.

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