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Dr. Cortese on C-SPAN Following President Obama's Address

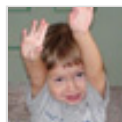
Denis Cortese, M.D., president and CEO of Mayo Clinic, appeared on [C-SPAN](#) following President Obama's address to the joint session of Congress on Feb. 24. Commenting on the president's plans for health care, Dr. Cortese agreed that reform was needed "from top to bottom" and said, "this is the time to take it on." See [video of his remarks](#).

Patient Care**Medications Make Pregnancy Safer for Women with Crohn's Disease**

Many people with Crohn's disease are women of childbearing age. Now, newer medications mean that many women with Crohn's don't need to fear pregnancy as they previously had. See [Medical Edge TV story](#).

Virtual Biopsy Tests Polyps without Removing Them

A new technology allows doctors to determine the presence of precancerous polyps without having to remove them. See [Medical Edge TV story](#).

Patient Stories**Taylor Beauseau**

Taylor Beauseau's parents are thrilled to see her up in arms after surgery to repair a damaged brachial plexus. [Read Taylor's story](#).

Kelsey O'Leary

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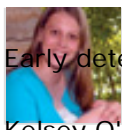
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Early detection and dedication to her bracing therapy brought a rare outcome to Kelsey O'Leary's scoliosis — permanent improvement. [Read Kelsey's story](#).

Research

Can Osteoporosis be Reversed?

Mayo Clinic scientists are making advances toward developing new [therapies that stimulate bone growth](#) for the 44 million Americans with osteoporosis.

Improving Brain Processing Speed Helps Memory

Healthy, older adults who participated in a [computer-based training program](#) to improve the speed and accuracy of brain processing showed twice the improvement in certain aspects of memory, compared to a control group.

Novel Gene Likely Causing Restless Legs Syndrome

Researchers from Jacksonville are reporting that the restless legs syndrome found in 30 members of a Florida family is likely due to a [gene mutation](#) that has never been linked to the disorder before.

Arizona News

Mayo Clinic Innovation Helps in Diagnosing Hepatic Fibrosis

New technology developed by Mayo Clinic ([MR Elastography](#)) is showing promising results in identifying hepatic fibrosis, excessive tissue buildup in the liver that can lead to liver failure.

Florida News

Marathon to Fight Breast Cancer a Success

Approximately 6,000 people participated Feb. 15 in the second 26.2 with Donna:

The National Marathon to Fight Breast Cancer. Runners from all three Mayo

campuses joined others from all 50 states and 10 countries. Money raised from the event goes to the Donna Hicken Foundation and Mayo Clinic to help fight breast cancer.

Experimental Therapy Turns on Tumor Suppressor Gene in Cancer Cells

An experimental drug being tested to treat a deadly form of thyroid cancer turns on a [powerful tumor suppressor](#) capable of halting cell growth.

Minnesota News

Minnesota Partnership Targets Aphids

Medical scientists in Minnesota are focusing their expertise on the soybean aphid, an insect pest that has been ravaging Minnesota crops. The goal is to develop an [insecticide safe for humans](#).

Mayo in the Media

Mayo Brothers to be Inducted into Healthcare Hall of Fame

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Heart CT Scan Means High Radiation Exposure

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