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For the 19th consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has named Mayo Clinic to the [Honor Roll of America's Best Hospitals](#). Mayo Clinic was recognized in every specialty category that U.S. News & World Report assessed.

**Patient Care****Robotically Assisted Heart Surgery**

Doctors at Mayo Clinic are using robots to help them perform certain heart operations without opening the chest. See [Medical Edge TV story](#).

**Heart Patients More Likely to Adopt Healthy Habits when Helped by Disease Managers**

People recovering from heart attack and heart surgery are more likely to develop habits to control heart attack risk factors when they meet regularly with [cardiac "disease managers"](#).

**Patient Stories****Making waves**

Microsurgery gives Florida water skier a chance to help U.S. teammates win gold at world water ski championships. [Read Rhoni Barton's story](#).

**Goodbye 'Freddy Krueger'**

After three kidney transplants, Katie Margolis has endured some rough moments. "But I think it's made me a better person," she says.

The [Campaign for Mayo Clinic](#) is a five-year effort to raise \$1.25 billion in philanthropic support for medical research, education and clinical practice innovations that have the potential to revolutionize medicine in the 21st century as Mayo's founders did in the 20th century.

"Some people say they live their lives day by day. I go minute by minute." [Read Katie's story.](#)

## Research

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### **Virtual Biopsy Can Tell Whether Colon Polyp Is Benign without Removal**

A [virtual biopsy probe](#) is so sensitive that it can tell whether a cell living within the human body is veering towards cancer development. The development may revolutionize how future colonoscopies are done.

### **New Obesity Approach: Block Stomach Nerve Signals**

A [new implantable medical device](#), developed in collaboration with Mayo Clinic researchers, may be a less extreme alternative to existing bariatric surgeries.

### **Drugs being tested for Alzheimer's disease work in unexpected and beneficial ways**

Mayo researchers have discovered the workings of a class of agents now in testing to treat Alzheimer's disease. Their newfound understanding may open up [an avenue of drug discovery](#) for this disease and others.

### **Rural, Unmarried Women at Higher Risk for Depression**

Mayo Clinic research suggests unmarried women living in rural areas have [lower self-rated health status](#) than their married counterparts.

### **Discovering the Healing Properties of Snake Venom**

Expedited clinical trials are under way for a drug engineered by Mayo Clinic researchers that offers the potential of a novel, two-fisted treatment for heart failure. Researchers designed it by fusing a

hormone linked to vascular tone regulation with a compound from snake venom that enhances human kidney function. [Read the Discovery's Edge story.](#)

## Arizona News

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**Site work begun in Phoenix for new 'Village at Mayo Clinic'**  
[Facility will house transplant and cancer patients in new concept.](#)

**Real-Time Microscopic Evaluation of Gastrointestinal Tissue at Cellular Level During Endoscopy**

[Confocal laser microendoscopy](#) allows endoscopists to do a microscopic examination of the gastrointestinal mucosal layer during endoscopy. Initial results suggest that this technology may reduce the number of biopsies required to establish a digestive disease diagnosis.

**Barrett's Esophagus Eliminated When Treated With Ablation Procedure**

A multicenter clinical trial led by a gastroenterologist at Mayo Clinic in Arizona showed that the 98.4 percent of patients with Barrett's esophagus were free of the disease for more than two years following non-surgical, endoscopic [treatment with radiofrequency ablation](#).

## Florida News

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**Mayo Clinic Hospital Now Open**

A vision eight years in the making, three years in the building and two years in the planning became reality when Mayo Clinic opened a [new hospital](#) on its Florida campus on April 12.

**Hispanic Outreach Program**

Señoras, educate yourselves about breast cancer. A community education program spearheaded by Mayo Clinic's Florida campus targets breast cancer prevention awareness among Hispanics in Jacksonville. [More information and a seminar schedule.](#)

### **New Glaucoma Procedure**

For the first time in Florida, patients with glaucoma have a [new treatment option](#) known as the Trabectome. The minimally invasive procedure, which takes about 20 minutes, is designed to decrease pressure within the eye and stabilize vision.

### **New Blood Donor Center**

A [new blood donor center](#) is now open Monday through Friday at Mayo Clinic's Jacksonville campus. It is operated by the Blood Alliance.

### **Mayo Medical Illustrations Exhibit**

An exhibit called [Scalpel to Sketch](#) showcases the vital role Mayo Clinic medical artists and their illustrations play in medicine. It runs through Sept. 28 at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens in Jacksonville, Fla.

## **Minnesota News**

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### **Mayo Clinic Research on Wheels**

A new [mobile research vehicle](#) is now traveling through southeast Minnesota. The goal is to encourage more diverse populations to participate in Mayo Clinic research studies.

## **Mayo Clinic Researchers to Focus on G.I. War Injuries**

Mayo Clinic researchers are part of a national consortium that will focus on developing [innovative medical treatments for American war wounded](#). Mayo's role will emphasize bone and peripheral nerve regeneration.

## **Mayo in the Media**

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### **Stopping a Cancer Before It Starts**

[AzCentral.com](#)

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### **Smart Knee Brace Helps People with Weak Legs**

[KSPR-TV](#)

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### **FSU, Mayo Clinic Collaborate On Diseases**

[Florida Trend](#)

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### **Ailing Fargo Tot Defies the Odds by Getting Lucky – Twice**

[Star Tribune](#)

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### **L.A. Resident Heads to Mayo Clinic for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Surgery**

[Los Angeles Times](#)

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