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News and information from Mayo Clinic of general interest to physicians.

Patient Care

New Pancreas Cancer Treatment

Mayo Clinic study reports improved survival rates for patients treated with [new pancreas cancer treatment](#) combining chemotherapy and surgery.

Endoscopic Mucosal Resection for Barrett's Esophagus-Related Dysplasia and Cancer

[Endoscopic mucosal resection](#) is an outpatient technique for improving both the diagnosis and treatment of high-grade dysplasia and early superficial cancer in patients with Barrett's esophagus.

Acupuncture and Myofascial Trigger Therapy Treat Same Pain Areas

A Mayo study shows that in the treatment of pain disorders, [acupuncture and myofascial techniques](#) are fundamentally similar.

Medication Shows Promise for Severe Chronic Constipation

A new medication (Prucalopride) for treating [severe chronic constipation](#) appears to offer significant relief to patients, while minimizing the likelihood of cardiac-related side effects.

[View video discussion.](#)

Periprocedural Anticoagulation Management of Patients with Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation

In a study of 345 patients, the three-month cumulative [incidence of thromboembolism](#) was quite low among patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation who required temporary interruption of long-term warfarin therapy for an invasive procedure.

Research

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.

ALTTO Trial for Breast Cancer Patients

Mayo Clinic has collaborated in the design of a new international clinical trial to test a new drug in patients who have [HER2-positive primary breast cancer](#).

G.I. War Injuries

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

Researchers Find Drugs Being Tested for Alzheimer's Disease Work in Unexpected and Beneficial Ways

Mayo Clinic researchers and collaborators have discovered how a class of agents work; the agents are being tested to treat Alzheimer's disease. Researchers say these agents may open up [an avenue of drug discovery](#) for this disease and others.

HO-1: Protecting Kidney Cells from Injury

A research team led by Karl Nath, M.D., discovered the capacity of [heme oxygenase \(HO\)](#) to protect the body's tissues from injury. Since then, the number of HO-related studies has exploded.

Education

Continuing Medical Education

Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders

Sept. 11-13, 2008

Location: The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.

Contact: (800) 462-9633

[Brochure](#)

Mayo Clinic Pediatric Days

Sept. 15-16, 2008

Location: Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile

Contact: (800) 323-2688

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Curriculum Reform at Mayo Medical School

Medical education has remained remarkably static over the past 100 years, while the practice of medicine has changed tremendously.

Mayo Medical School has implemented [curriculum changes](#) designed to prepare students for the future of health care.

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