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President Obama References Mayo Clinic

"So we've got to reform the underlying system. And this means promoting best practices, not just the most expensive practices. And one of the things I'm going to be discussing ... is how can we change incentive structures so that, for example, places like Mayo Clinic in Minnesota are able to provide some of the best health care services in the country at half or sometimes even less of the costs than some other areas where the quality is not as good."

[Remarks by President Obama](#) on June 2, before meeting with Senate Democrats to discuss health care.

Patient Care

More Broken Bones after Bariatric Surgery

People who undergo bariatric surgery may experience more broken bones, especially in their hands and feet, Mayo Clinic researchers report. Researchers reviewed nearly 100 surgical cases at Mayo spanning 21 years, looking for effects of bone density loss observed in patients after bariatric surgery.

[Read news release.](#)

Care Costs Higher for Patients with Bipolar Disorder than Other Chronic Diseases

Mayo Clinic researchers have found that [bipolar disorder](#) is more costly to treat than other chronic diseases such as diabetes, depression, asthma and coronary artery disease. The findings were based on medical claim costs for seeing specialty doctors.

[Learn more and watch video](#) of psychiatrist Mark Williams, M.D., explaining the findings.

Patient Stories

Conjoined Twins Revisited

Conjoined twins are extremely rare, but between May 2006 and January 2007, three sets of conjoined twins were successfully separated at Mayo Clinic. Recently, two of the sets of twins returned to Mayo for follow-up checkups. The parents of the extraordinary twins took a few minutes to provide an update on their children. Watch videos on the [Sharing Mayo Clinic blog](#):

- [Abby and Belle Carlson](#)
- [Abygail and Madysen Fitterer](#)

Unique Valentine's Day Present

On Feb. 14, 1999, Jon Anglemeyer received a call from Mayo Clinic telling him the wait for a transplant was over. Ten years after a kidney and liver transplant, he says, "It's all turned out how I hoped." [Read Jon's story.](#)

A Second Chance for Doug Yaus

Doug Yaus says you have to be involved in your care — and never give up hope — even when your options seem to have come to an end. [Read Doug's story](#) about his treatment for bile duct cancer.

Research

Mayo Clinic Receives \$48 million to Study Atrial Fibrillation Treatments

Three thousand patients and 140 centers around the world will participate in a Mayo Clinic-led research study of atrial fibrillation, the most common heart rhythm abnormality. The trial seeks to determine whether catheter ablation is more effective than drug therapy for treatment of the disorder.

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Team Briefings Before Surgery Improve Communication, Reduce Medical Errors

A short team briefing prior to heart surgery — when each person on the team speaks — improves communication and reduces errors and costs, according to a Mayo Clinic study.

[Read news release.](#)

Researchers Find Two Popular TV Shows Inaccurately Portray Violent Crime

Mayo Clinic researchers compared two popular television shows, CSI and CSI: Miami, to actual U.S. homicide data, and discovered clear differences between media portrayals of violent deaths versus actual murders. Psychiatrist Timothy Lineberry, M.D., explains the effect of these portrayals on individual health behaviors and public health perceptions.

[Watch video on the Mayo Newsblog.](#)

New Medical Science Blog

Advancing the Science is the latest addition to Mayo Clinic's family of blogs. The new blog covers how medical science improves patient care.

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Arizona News

Transplant Programs Certified for Medicare Coverage

The heart, kidney, liver and pancreas transplant programs at Mayo Clinic in Arizona have been [approved for Medicare coverage](#) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a certification recognized as the highest quality indicator for a transplant program.

Artificial Heart Success Recognized

Mayo Clinic in Arizona is among four international transplant centers recognized for [achieving 100 percent success rates](#) for five or more consecutive patients implanted with the total artificial heart.

Florida News

Repairing Brain Aneurysms Less Invasively

Aneurysms are usually treated with open brain surgery. Mayo Clinic in Florida is using a new less invasive surgical technique for repairing aneurysms that allows some patients to go home the same day. [Watch Medical Edge TV story.](#)

Health & Wellness Cancer Program July 30-31

Mayo Clinic is sponsoring a special [dinner, lectures and wellness program](#) for patients, families and caregivers interested in breast cancer and hematologic malignancies.

Minnesota News

Mayo Planning Location in Mall of America Expansion

Mayo Clinic has signed a letter of intent to join the Phase II expansion of Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. The Mall of America location is an ideal opportunity to provide a gateway to Mayo Clinic for people in Minnesota and across the country. Initial concepts call for care delivery models that will help Mayo reach patient audiences outside its existing patient population. [Read news release.](#)

Mayo Clinic Named Minnesota's Lead Center of Excellence by Sarah Jane Brain Project

The Mayo Clinic Brain Injury Program has been named [Lead Center of Excellence](#) in the state of Minnesota by the [Sarah Jane Brain Project](#). The project's mission is to create a model system for children suffering from pediatric-acquired brain injuries.

Mayo in the Media

Move a Little, Lose a Lot

Lynne Rosetto Kasper visits the NEAT Lab of James Levine, M.D., Ph.D. [Splendid Table, NPR](#)

The Cost Conundrum

What a Texas town can teach us about health care. [New Yorker](#)

Improved DNA Stool Test Could Detect Digestive Cancers in Multiple Organs

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Mayo Tests Replacing a Valve in a Beating Heart

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