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

Patient Care

Surgical Management of Acromegaly

Acromegaly can distort physical appearance and it increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, lung disease, colon cancer and loss of vision. The disease is almost always caused by a growth-hormone-producing pituitary adenoma. This is a complex disease that overlaps many subspecialties and requires a team approach to treatment. Learn about [surgical management of acromegaly](#).

Prosthetic Perivalvular Leaks Repaired by New Percutaneous Technique

[Catheter-based technologies](#) provide an innovative approach to the increasingly common clinical problem of perivalvular leaks.

New Generation of Durable Implants for Severe Wrist Arthritis Conserves Mobility

For selected arthritis patients, [polyethylene-metal wrist implants](#) appear to be a safe and effective option to relieve arthritic pain while conserving wrist mobility.

Researchers say ECG standards should be revised for elderly

Mayo Clinic researchers suggest it's time to [revisit the established normal ranges](#) for evaluating electrocardiograms for persons over 80 years old.

Research

Mayo Clinic Study Shows Parkinson's Disease Drug Might Work in Cancer Patients

A study published in the March 13 online issue of the Journal of Clinical Investigation shows that a drug currently used to treat Parkinson's disease [might also work in cancer patients](#).

Visualizing the Molecules that Cause Infectious Disease: Seeing with Supercomputers

[Computer-Aided Molecular Design Laboratory](#) (CAMDL) specializes in developing computer simulated models aimed at the discovery of new treatments for infectious diseases and cancer. It is one of only a few labs conducting advanced research in computational, medicinal, synthetic and combinatorial chemistry under one roof.

COX-2 Expression is Marker for Cancer Development in Some Benign Breast Biopsies

Researchers at Mayo Clinic are building a biopsy profile to try to predict cancer outcome, and they report finding a [new variable](#) to add to this profile.

Education

Clinical Reviews and Primary Care Review - 2008

June 8 - 12, 2008

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Other News

Health Care Reform Recommendations

The more than 400 participants at the March Mayo Clinic National Symposium on Health Care Reform ranked the following as top priorities for health care reform:

- Insuring all Americans;
- Creating universal clinical information technology systems
- Paying providers based on outcomes and prevention

They recommended [nine action steps](#) that government and the private sector could take to create a health care system that provides all Americans with good outcomes; safe, coordinated care; and great service at a reasonable cost.

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