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Mayo Clinic CEO to Speak at National Press Club

On Sept. 18, Denis Cortese, M.D., president and CEO of Mayo Clinic, will speak at the National Press Club on "Great Expectations: What Lawmakers Must Do to Reform U.S. Health Care" at the National Press Club.

[Listen to Dr. Cortese's talk.](#)

He will also appear on Washington Journal on [CSPAN](#) at 8 a.m. (Central time) that same day.

Help Work for Patient-Centered Health Care Reform

[Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center](#) is working diligently for patient-centered health care reform. Through meetings with members of Congress and the White House, the center is getting its message to the key influencers in Washington. To learn more or to help, visit [www.healthcarerepair.org](#).

Patient Care

High-Dose Therapy for Liver Disease Not Effective

A national team of researchers led by Mayo Clinic scientists has found that a common treatment for primary sclerosing cholangitis, a chronic liver disease, is not helpful for patients.

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Newborn Screening for Genetic Disorders

Few words can capture the grief a family feels when they lose a child. Many genetic disorders can be caught early if babies are screened for them shortly after birth. Watch [Medical Edge TV story](#).

Patient Stories

Brian Adkins Overcomes Obesity

Good exercise habits, a healthy diet and bariatric surgery at Mayo Clinic helped Brian Adkins reclaim his active lifestyle.

[Read Brian's story.](#)

"Mayo Clinic Has Given Me Back My Life"

After more than a year of testing and no answers, Charles Drysdale's local specialist referred him to Mayo Clinic in Florida. In a week, he was diagnosed with liver failure and three months later, received a new liver and kidney.

Read Charles' story on the [Sharing Mayo Clinic blog](#).

Research

Mayo Awarded Major Grant for Ovarian Cancer Research

Investigators at the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center have received a five-year, \$11.5 million grant to translate research into treatments for women with ovarian cancer.

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Artificial Intelligence Helps Diagnose Cardiac Infections

Mayo Clinic researchers say that "teachable software" designed to mimic the human brain may help them diagnose cardiac infections without an invasive exam.

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Fishing for Future Scientists

Many schools don't have the tools to produce the quality scientists that the U.S. economy needs. A Mayo Clinic doctor is trying to change that. Watch the [Medical Edge TV story](#).

Arizona News

Study Finds Disparity in Stroke Care between Rural and Urban Areas

Mayo Clinic recommends using telemedicine for more expedient delivery of emergency stroke care in rural areas.

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Florida News

A Protein Believed to Protect Against Cancer Has a Mr. Hyde Side

Researchers from Mayo Clinic in Florida and Harvard Medical School have found that a protein thought to protect against cancer development can actually spur the spread of tumors.

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Gene Found That Contributes to Two Different, Common Movement Disorders

Researchers at Mayo Clinic in Florida and their collaborators worldwide have discovered that a single gene promotes development of essential tremor in some patients and Parkinson's disease in others.

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Minnesota News

Minimally-Invasive Treatment Found Effective for Esophageal Cancer

Early stage esophageal cancers can be treated as effectively by less invasive endoscopic therapy as by more complex surgical removal of the esophagus, according to a Mayo Clinic study.

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Researchers Identify Two Genes as Potential Targets for MS Therapy

The study of mice with multiple sclerosis looked at why do some do well with the disease and others poorly, and what might be the genetic determinants of this difference.

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