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### COVID-19 Updates

Find resources for providers and answers to questions on referrals and testing on the Medical Professionals Resource Center



### Patient Care

#### [Why refer to Mayo Clinic for proton beam therapy](#)

Mayo Clinic radiation oncologists share the latest findings on proton beam therapy and Mayo Clinic's approach to treatment and collaboration with referring providers.

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### Research

#### [Proton beam therapy improves quality of life for patients with oropharyngeal cancer](#)

A Mayo Clinic study supports that compared with intensity-modulated radiation therapy, proton beam therapy is better tolerated by patients

who've had expert transoral surgical resection of oropharyngeal cancer.

### [Genomic sequencing increases detection of heritable variants in patients with cancer](#)

Universal germline genetic testing showed that 13.3% of study participants harbored a pathogenic germline variant — 48% of which would not have been detected using standard guidelines.

### [Making up for lost time in GI cancers](#)

Tanios S. Bekaii-Saab, M.D., discusses how the field of gastrointestinal (GI) cancers is gaining ground with regard to the development of targeted and immunotherapy agents.

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### [4th Annual Hematology/Oncology Challenges and Advances in Patient Care for NPs, PAs, and Nurses 2021 — LIVESTREAM](#)

April 10, 2021

This conference covers acute leukemia treatment, bone marrow transplant and CAR T-cell therapy, challenging solid tumors, and indications for immunotherapy.

### [Mayo Clinic Update in Urology 2021](#)

July 8-11, 2021

In this course, clinicians receive updates on novel therapies for various urologic conditions such as prostate cancer, kidney cancer, bladder cancer, sexual dysfunction, benign prostatic hyperplasia and incontinence.

### [Mayo Clinic Workshop in Plasma Cell Disorders: Robert Kyle Symposium 2021— LIVESTREAM](#)

May 22-23, 2021

This course introduces health care professionals at all levels to latest practices in plasma cell disorder treatment and offers a bench-to-bedside novel drug therapy overview.

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## Consults and Referrals

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855-375-9686 (toll-free)

Rochester, Minnesota  
855-995-1503 (toll-free)

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