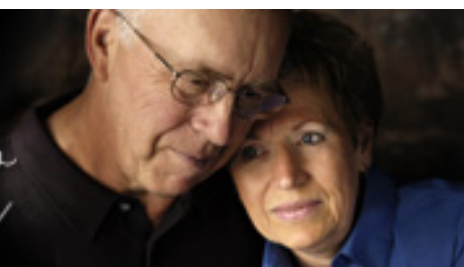




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A periodic news update from the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center

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## Recent Events

### La Crosse, Wisc. Leadership Luncheon

On April 28, more than 150 community leaders in La Crosse, Wisc., gathered to discuss health care reform at a luncheon presented by Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, part of Mayo Health System, and the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center. The event was hosted by Robert Nesse, M.D., President and CEO of Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, and featured a panel discussion moderated by Joseph Heim, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Panelists at the luncheon included Dr. Cortese; Jeff Korsmo, CAO, Mayo Clinic in Rochester and Executive Director of the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center; Dr. Nesse; Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis.; Mary Jo Werner, Partner, Wipfli LLP; and Rusty Cunningham, Publisher, La Crosse Tribune.

View a [webcast](#) of the event.

### Diane Rehm Show

On April 23, Denis Cortese, M.D., President and CEO of Mayo Clinic, appeared as a guest on the Diane Rehm Show to discuss health care reform. The Diane Rehm Show is produced at WAMU-FM at American University and is carried on public radio stations nationwide. He was joined by Gail Wilensky, economist, senior fellow at Project HOPE, former administrator of Medicare and Medicaid and health policy advisor in the George H.W. Bush administration; and David Himmelstein, primary care doctor and co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Program. Dr. Cortese was in Washington D.C. to attend the World Health Congress.

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The Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center is convening major stakeholders in health policy in a series of events to help develop a new consensus-driven vision for health care in America.

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## Health Policy Center Blog

The Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center [Blog](#) continues to provide updates of Health Policy Center activities, and offers an opportunity to keep the health care reform conversation going. In addition, the blog contains links to presentations from and webcasts of events, as well as questions that were submitted by participants. Log in and check it out.

## Dartmouth Atlas Releases 2008 Data

The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care has released the 2008 report "Tracking the Care of Patients with Severe Chronic Illness." The [report](#) is available for purchase or download from the Web site. The project uses Medicare data to provide comprehensive information and analysis about health care spending in national, regional, and local markets, as well as individual hospitals and their affiliated physicians.

## Upcoming Events

### **Southwest Conference on Health Care Reform**

On September 16, 2008 Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, leaders from Mayo Clinic, Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center, and other speakers will examine health reform efforts in the southwest region and how they mesh with the emerging reform recommendations of the Health Policy Center. During the interactive event, participants will identify areas for potential collaboration to further the action steps identified at Mayo Clinic's National Symposium on Health Care Reform held in March 2008. The conference is jointly hosted by the Mayo's Health Policy Center and Arizona State University

### **Preparing for the Future of Health Care, April 26-28, 2009**

In April 2009, the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center will begin a dialogue about how the nation must transform medical, allied health, nursing and engineering education in order to create the health care work force of the future. This event will be held in Rochester, MN. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

### **Other Events**

Several conferences, forums and summits are being planned beginning in late summer/early fall 2008 to continue building the mandate for patient-centered reform, and to further form and clarify the action steps resulting from the 2008 symposium. Watch the [calendar of events](#) and this e-newsletter for dates and locations.