Dr. Noseworthy Biography

John H. Noseworthy, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Mayo Clinic, leads one of the largest not-for-profit, academic health systems in the U.S., with $11 billion in annual revenues and 63,000 employees. With a focus on caring for patients with serious, complex illnesses, Mayo Clinic operates in five states and cares for more than a million people a year, from all 50 states and nearly 140 countries. Mayo Clinic is ranked #1 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

Prior to his appointment as CEO, Dr. Noseworthy served as chair of Mayo Clinic’s Department of Neurology, medical director of the Department of Development, and vice chair of the Mayo Clinic Rochester Executive Board.

Dr. Noseworthy is a professor in the Department of Neurology. He specialized in multiple sclerosis and spent more than two decades designing and conducting controlled clinical trials. Dr. Noseworthy is the author of more than 150 research papers, chapters, editorials and several books, including the three-volume textbook Neurological Therapeutics: Principles and Practice now in its second edition. He also served as editor-in-chief for Neurology, the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

During his tenure as CEO, Dr. Noseworthy and his leadership team have ensured that Mayo Clinic is a trusted resource for patients amid a rapidly changing health care environment. Dr. Noseworthy’s leadership style is to bring really smart people together to accomplish what cannot be done alone. For more than 150 years, Mayo Clinic has remained committed to putting the needs of the patient first through team-based clinical care, medical research and medical education.

Born in Melrose, Mass., Dr. Noseworthy received his M.D. degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He completed his neurology training at Dalhousie University and the University of Western Ontario, and a research fellowship at Harvard Medical School. He joined Mayo Clinic in 1990. He has received the Alumnus of the Year award from Dalhousie University (2005), an honorary doctorate of science degree from the University of Western Ontario (2012), an honorary doctorate of laws from Dalhousie University (2015). Dr. Noseworthy was named an Officer of the Order of the Orange-Nassau (2015) and received the Research!America, Geoffrey Beene Builders of Science Award (2016). Dr. Noseworthy serves as a member of the Merck Board of Directors. For his service on this board he receives annual financial compensation and deferred compensation in the form of shares of Merck stock. Mayo Clinic receives no compensation for his service on this board. Dr. Noseworthy is a Health Governor of the World Economic Forum.

Dr. Noseworthy and his wife, Patricia, have two sons, Peter and Mark.

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