

Mayo Clinic Tour Highlights

Mayo Clinic Heritage Hall

This museum celebrates the values and vision of Mayo Clinic. It links our history with our current activities and our plans for the future — highlighting the key role of philanthropy in supporting the mission of Mayo Clinic.

Mayo Clinic Heritage Hall opened in 2004 with a generous gift from John T. and Lillian G. Mathews. It is managed by the Department of Development. The museum is a vibrant part of Mayo Clinic thanks to the support of many colleagues, friends, volunteers and benefactors.

T. Denny Sanford Pediatric Center

The T. Denny Sanford Pediatric Center at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., exemplifies the depth of Mayo's commitment to providing the highest-quality, coordinated care to the more than 45,000 children and their families who come to Mayo each year. Designed as a central location, where doctors in many different specialties are located, the Pediatric Center is a convenient, reassuring and welcoming environment.

Featuring a theme that celebrates wildlife of the Upper Midwest, the center surrounds visitors with depictions of nature, from floor-to-ceiling birch trees to a representation of the Mississippi River that winds through the center floor to the "Discovery Wall" — a glass sculpture scene showcasing fish and other freshwater creatures. Additionally, a webcam in the Discovery Wall offers visitors live views of wild animals from the Minnesota Zoo. Colorful mosaic murals depict the four habitats of forests, lakes, prairies and wetlands.

Plummer Library

Plummer Library, established in 1907, serves as the central clinical and research library of the Mayo Foundation. The Plummer Library contains a superb collection of historic medical writings in the Mayo History of Medicine Library, and its broad collections of current materials in the biomedical sciences and related subjects support the clinical practice, research and education. Collectively, the Mayo Clinic Libraries are among the most comprehensive in North America containing approximately 400,000 volumes and subscriptions to more than 4,880 current periodicals.

Historical Suite

The Mayo Historical Suite on Plummer 3 is open for all Mayo staff, patients, and visitors. The suite includes the restored offices of Drs. William J. and Charles H. Mayo and the original Board of Governors Room. Historical documents, photographs, and artifacts are on display in this area. These include the Doctors Mayo's honorary degrees and awards, academic regalia, photographic galleries of their friends and professional colleagues, the Emeritus Staff profiles, 19th century medical and surgical equipment, and the exhibit, "Early 20th Century Nursing: Tools of the Trade."

Annenberg Plaza

The Annenberg Plaza is a gift to Mayo patients, families and staff from Walter and Leonore Annenberg and the Annenberg Foundation. The plaza represents the Annenberg family's wish to share their love of art and nature with the Mayo community and to provide a place of rest, refuge and inspiration for all those who come to Mayo Clinic.

The plaza also is a perfect place to reflect on Mayo's history. The star at the center of the plaza, created from stone from around the world, provides a 360-degree view of Mayo Clinic. Patient care, research and education take place throughout the buildings of our downtown campus. Architecture and landscaping demonstrate the importance of art in the healing process. The plaza's sculpture, Inspiration, by Gerald Gladstone, was given in honor of Diane and Howard C. Deshong, Jr.

Stephen and Barbara Slaggie Family Cancer Education Center

Assisting more than 35,000 visitors a year, the Stephen and Barbara Slaggie Family Cancer Education Center houses one of the largest cancer resource collections in the nation. The center also offers complimentary classes. Mayo Clinic staff and volunteers are available to help patients, caregivers and the public:

- Learn about cancer prevention and detection
- Find out more about a cancer diagnosis
- Explore treatment options
- Understand clinical research
- Connect to educational sessions and support groups
- Address survivorship issues
- Locate additional support resources, such as financial assistance, lodging, transportation, wigs and prosthetics

SPARC

SPARC brings together designers and multidisciplinary teams to understand the needs of patients, families, physicians, nurses and other care team members. They explore solutions that address those needs in a true-to-life setting that enables safe experimentation with new health care delivery models.

Designers marry tried-and-true research methods such as observing patients, interviewing families and traditional consumer research with design tools like visualization, modeling and prototyping, an approach not common to the health care setting. Mayo's decision to fuse design principles and hypothesis-based scientific method is invaluable to uncovering the various human needs involved in the health care environment. This approach contributes to Mayo's ability to understand human needs and create a health care experience unlike any other.

The studio space is located in a patient care corridor on Mayo 17 and includes exam rooms and a glass-enclosed, reconfigurable space. The space is designed to allow for team collaboration, and is also set in a live clinical area which enables the rapid prototyping of ideas in practice.