

**Intro: The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us all. Decisions that last year would have been easy to make, leave us questioning if there is a better option. Questions like “should I go to the doctor?” and “how far am I willing to travel?” For one Michigan man, those questions were easy, and the answers led him to Mayo Clinic.**

### Patient Story

#### Patient travels to Mayo to find answers during pandemic

Video	Audio
<b>Nats of piano “Amazing Grace” ...</b>	
<b>Track</b> <b>VO: Mayo Clinic</b>	Where do you go in life, when you need to find answers?
<b>Nats of music ...</b>	For patients like Jim Koski, who traveled from Saginaw, Michigan ...
<b>Parallel Park</b> <b>VO: Jim Koski walking</b>	“Good. I’m going good.”
<b>Nats of music ...</b> <b>VO: Piano and Mayo Clinic</b>	... deciding where to go while still under the COVID-19 pandemic was simple.
<b>Jim Koski</b>	“They had answers to questions I didn’t know I needed to ask.”
<b>Track</b> <b>VO: Piano, Jim walking/eating</b>	Jim has come to Mayo Clinic, this time for a second procedure, to help widen his throat so he can more easily swallow food and water.
<b>Nats Jim coughing ...</b>	
<b>Jim Koski</b>	“It’s difficult, and it makes it hard on everybody because they see me suffering when I’m eating.”
<b>Track</b> <b>VO: Pictures of Jim</b> <b>Fade out of music, fade in procedure nats ...</b>	In 1988, Jim underwent throat surgery to treat cancer in his neck. After removing the cancer, scar tissue developed in his throat making it difficult for Jim to swallow.

<b>VO: Nats of Procedure</b>	Dr. Louis Wong Kee Song and Dr. Cadman Leggett are performing a technically difficult procedure to stretch Jim's esophagus.
<b>Cadman Leggett, M.D. Gastroenterology Mayo Clinic (VO: Cover second half with procedure) Fade in music ...</b>	"He has struggled with this for many years, and he's adapted to it very well. Sometimes it requires several procedures to get the esophagus to stretch to a diameter that is comfortable for him to be able to swallow."
<b>Nats of music ... VO: Piano</b>	
<b>Jim Koski</b>	"I can only worry about stuff I can do something about, and if I can do something about it, I do something about it. If not, I don't worry about it."
<b>Dr. Cadman Leggett (VO: Cover second half with procedure)</b>	"He has an excellent outlook and attitude regarding these medical procedures, and our hope is that his swallowing will continue to improve."
<b>Nats of music ...</b>	
<b>Track VO: Piano, Jim sitting and eating</b>	Continue to improve so that in times like these, Jim can find answers that lead to brighter days ahead.
<b>Nats of music ... show piano</b>	
<b>Jim Koski VO: Leave Jim up for a second/Cover piano music with sunset shot overlooking downtown</b>	"I see the dedication and the teamwork that they have here, it was amazing ...
<b>Track</b>	For the Mayo Clinic News Network ...
<b>Jim Koski</b>	... that I was in real good hands."
<b>Track</b>	... I'm DeeDee Stiepan.
<b>Nats of music ending ... clapping</b>	