

Mayo Clinic Minute: Closing the gaps in cancer care

	Geographic location can be a barrier in a patient's fight against cancer. Mayo Clinic aims to change that.
GPX Rick Bold, M.D. Site Deputy Director Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center	"We're trying to have that impact not just in our local community, but developing techniques that could be really implemented at an international level, recognizing even here in the United States, not everybody has a hospital or even a cancer center within 15 minutes or 30 minutes."
	Dr. Rick Bold with Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center says Mayo is also focused on eliminating health disparities caused by increased risk factors, such as race or ethnicity.
	"And understanding why it developed at an individualized level is something that will help us determine better outcomes — that concept of personalized or precision medicine, the right treatment for the right patient."
	Dr. Bold says innovation will drive change, improve treatments and help close the gaps in cancer care.
	"Faster, shorter, more efficient is better, ultimately, for society."
	"Putting all those things together, and then saying we're going to never give up in terms of advancing the outcomes we have next year being better than last year, I think that's what we're hoping to do."
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Marty Velasco Hames.