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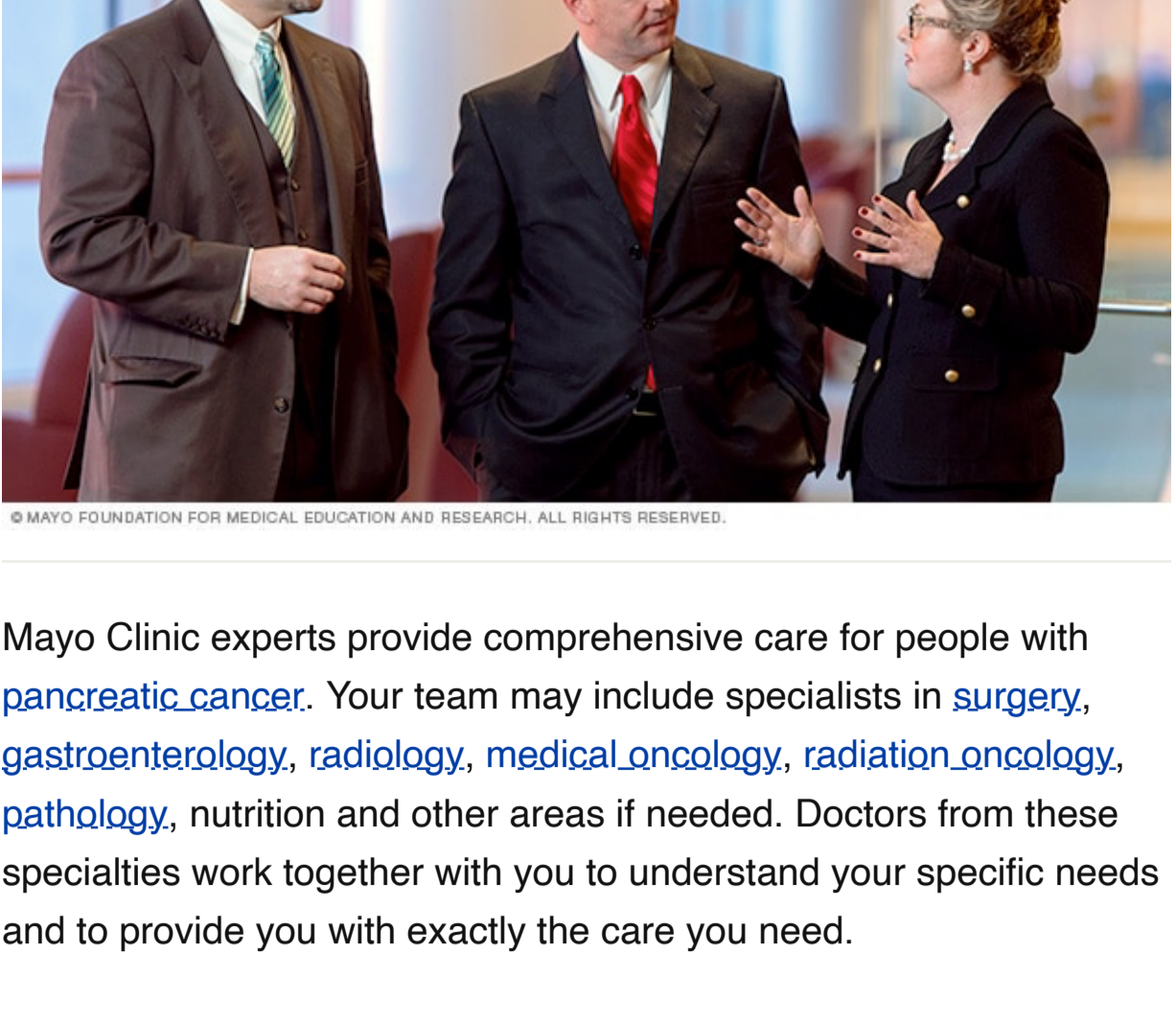
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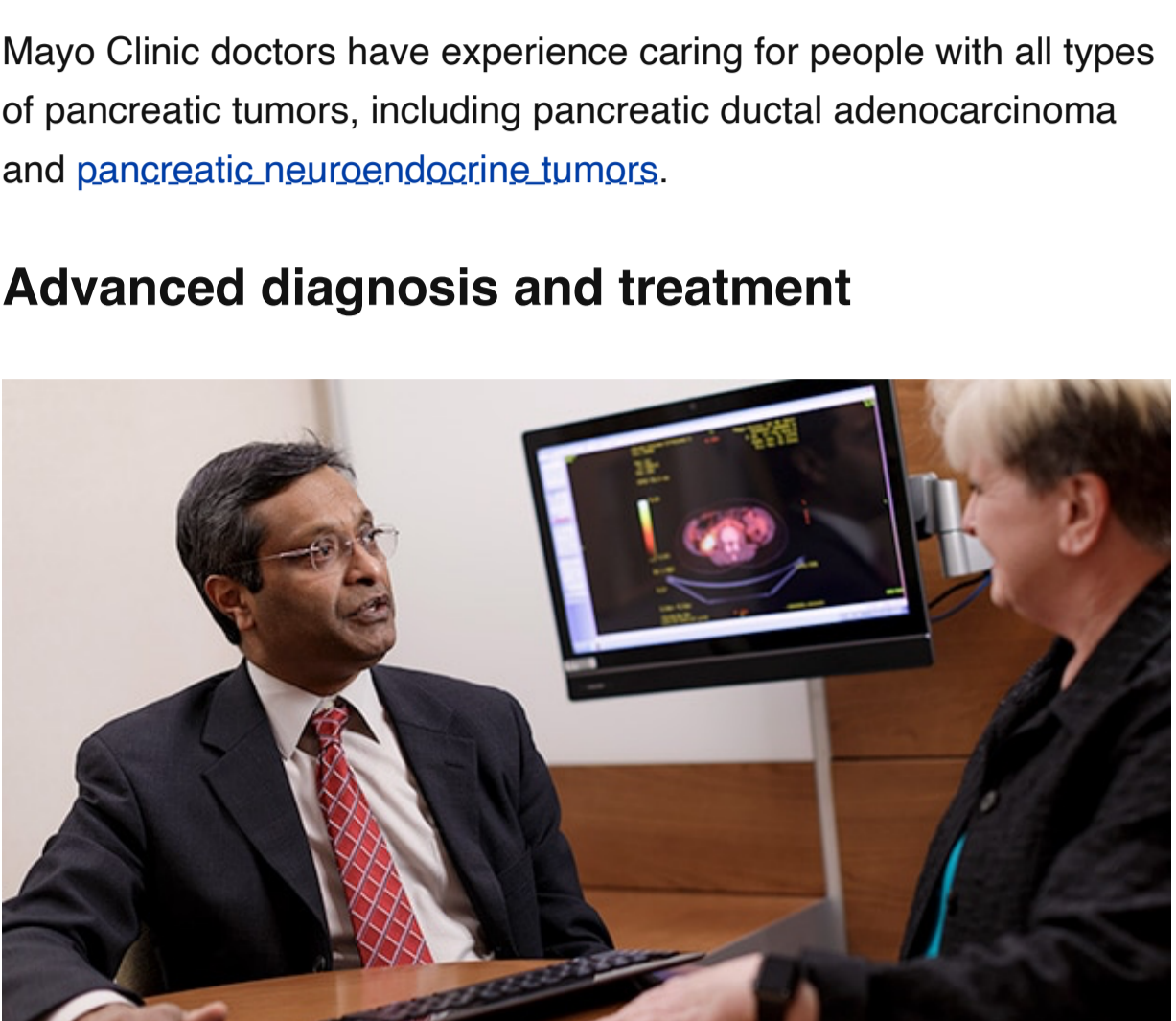
## Pancreatic cancer care at Mayo Clinic

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### Why choose Mayo Clinic for pancreatic adenocarcinoma

#### Your Mayo Clinic care team



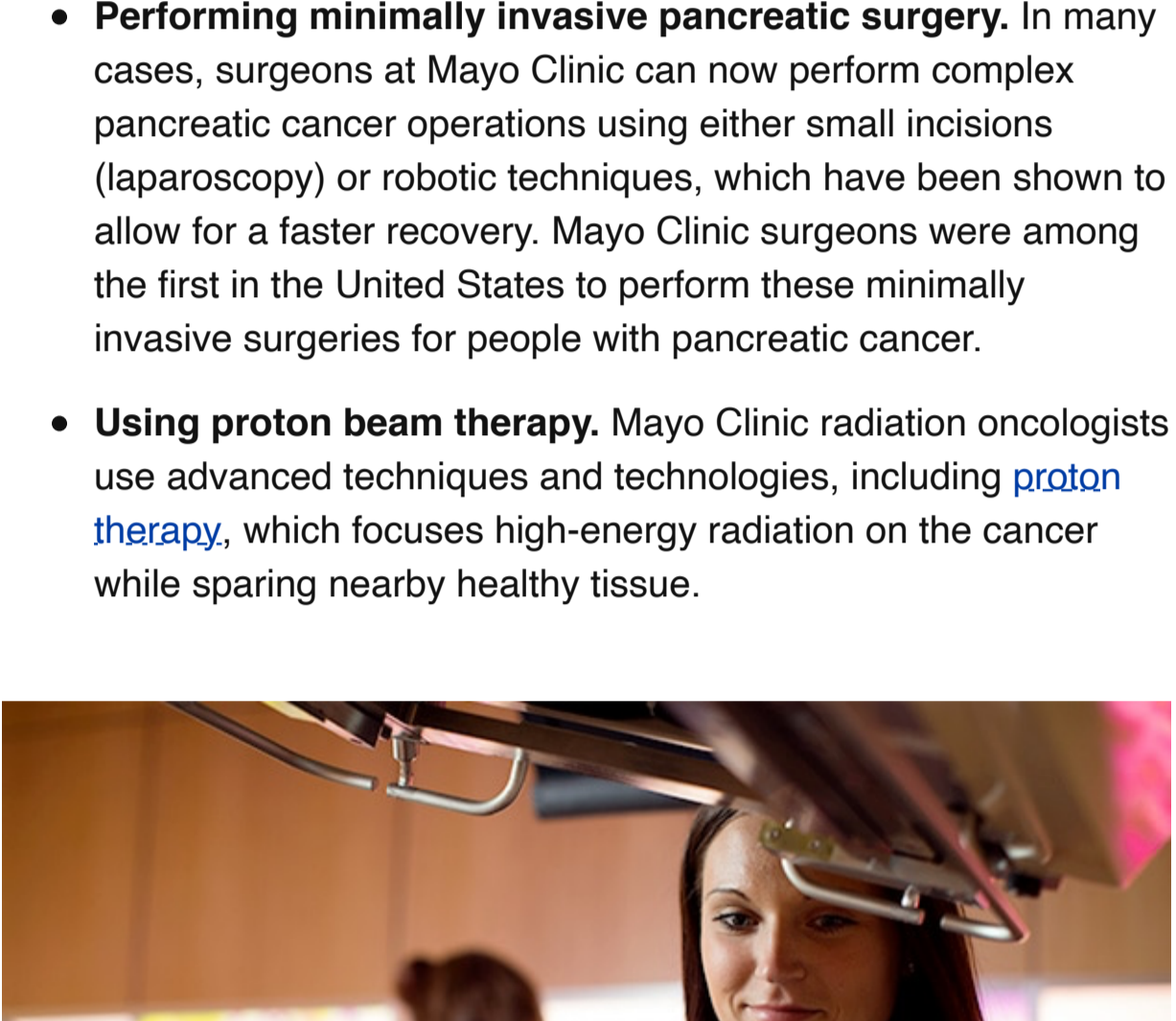
Mayo Clinic experts provide comprehensive care for people with [pancreatic cancer](#). Your team may include specialists in [surgery](#), [gastroenterology](#), [radiology](#), [medical oncology](#), [radiation oncology](#), [pathology](#), nutrition and other areas if needed. Doctors from these specialties work together with you to understand your specific needs and to provide you with exactly the care you need.

This multidisciplinary approach ensures that you benefit from the experience of specialists in every aspect of your care. Close collaboration among your Mayo Clinic care team members enables them to have your test results available quickly and to coordinate your appointments.

A full range of supportive care, including [integrative medicine](#) and [palliative care](#), is also available.

Mayo Clinic doctors have experience caring for people with all types of pancreatic tumors, including pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma and [pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors](#).

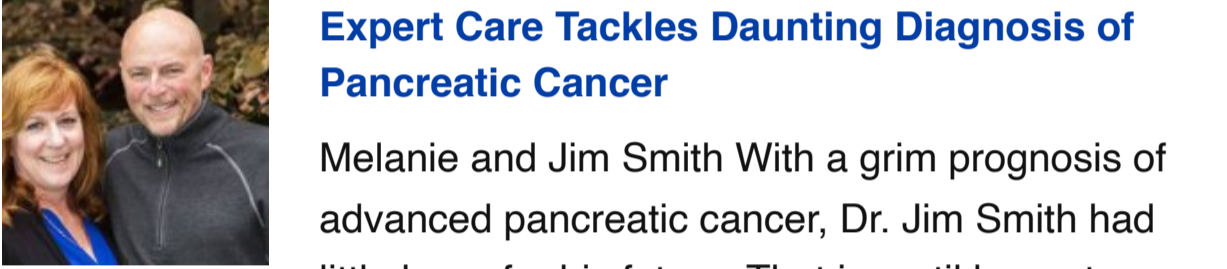
#### Advanced diagnosis and treatment



Mayo Clinic patients have access to advanced radiologic imaging and other diagnostic tools. Once the diagnosis is certain, your doctor will review your options and help you choose the treatment that best suits your needs and goals. Your treatment may involve chemotherapy, radiation therapy, surgery or a combination of these.

#### Potential benefits of minimally invasive surgery for pancreatic cancer.

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#### Advanced pancreatic cancer surgeries offer hope.

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#### Avoiding surgery with the right diagnosis.

Pancreatic cancer can be very difficult to distinguish from another relatively uncommon disease called autoimmune pancreatitis (AIP). AIP is a noncancerous (benign) condition that can be treated with steroids without the need for surgery, if diagnosed early enough. Mayo Clinic pancreas experts are leaders in developing diagnostic criteria for AIP.

#### Basing treatment decisions on advanced imaging.

Your Mayo Clinic doctors have specialized expertise in dedicated pancreatic CT, multidetector CT angiography, PET and MRI.

#### Performing surgery when tumors affect nearby blood vessels.

Many people are not considered eligible for the [Whipple procedure](#) or other pancreatic surgeries if their tumors involve nearby blood vessels. Mayo Clinic is one of the few centers in the United States with highly specialized, experienced surgeons who safely perform these operations in select patients. These procedures involve removing and reconstructing parts of blood vessels.

#### Performing minimally invasive pancreatic surgery.

In many cases, surgeons at Mayo Clinic can now perform complex pancreatic cancer operations using either small incisions (laparoscopy) or robotic techniques, which have been shown to allow for a faster recovery. Mayo Clinic surgeons were among the first in the United States to perform these minimally invasive surgeries for people with pancreatic cancer.

#### Using proton beam therapy.

Mayo Clinic radiation oncologists use advanced techniques and technologies, including [proton therapy](#), which focuses high-energy radiation on the cancer while sparing nearby healthy tissue.



## The Mayo Clinic experience and patient stories

Our patients tell us that the quality of their interactions, our attention to detail and the efficiency of their visits mean health care like they've never experienced. See the stories of satisfied Mayo Clinic patients.

### Expert Care Tackles Daunting Diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer

Melanie and Jim Smith With a grim prognosis of advanced pancreatic cancer, Dr. Jim Smith had little hope for his future. That is, until he met a team of Mayo Clinic cancer specialists, whose experience and expertise set Jim on a treatment path that led him to a place of hope and healing. When Jim [...]

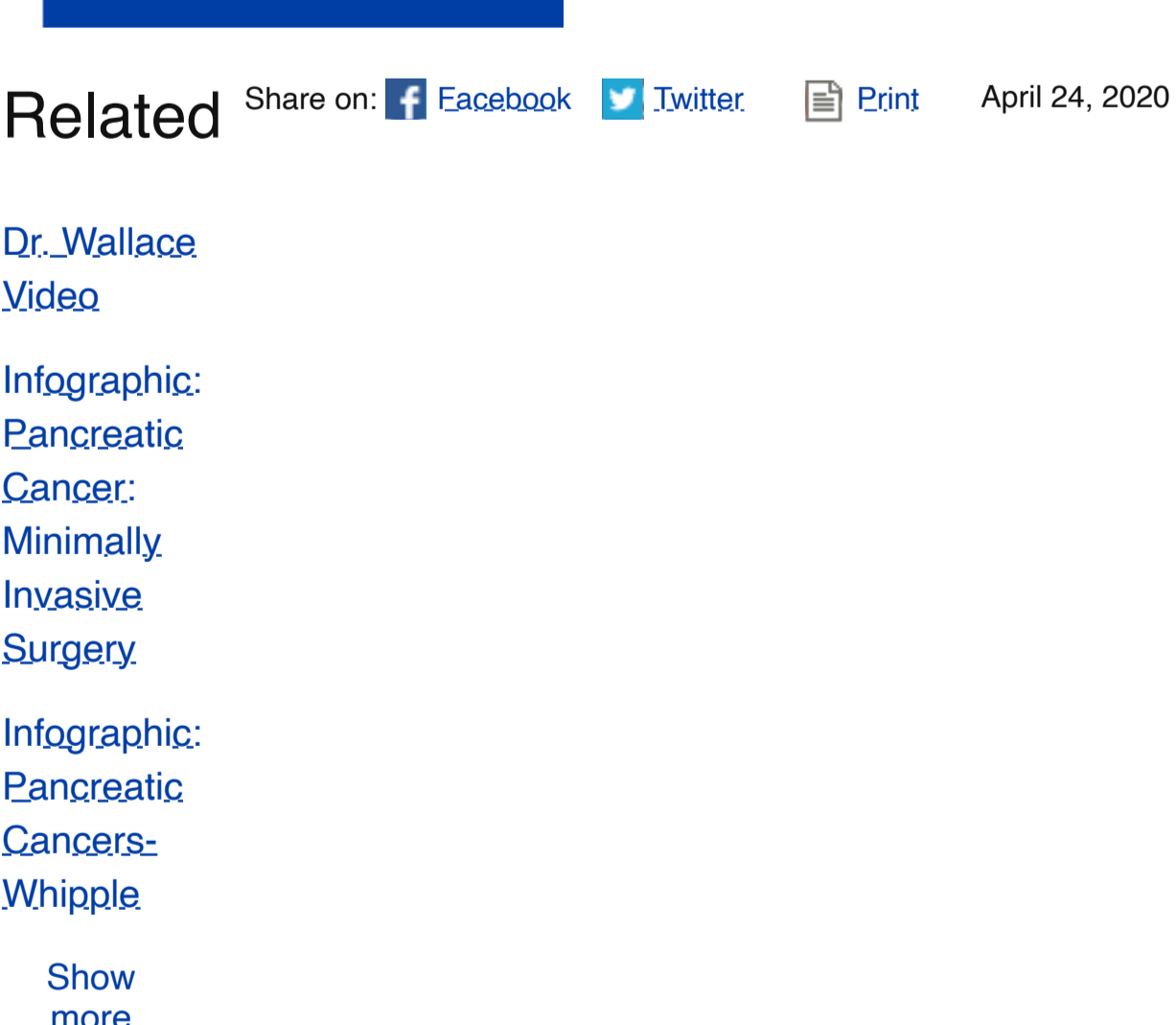
### Aggressive Approach to Pancreatic Cancer Yields Outstanding Outcome

Rita and Jim Krueger When Rita Krueger found out she had pancreatic cancer, the outlook seemed bleak. Then she met a Mayo Clinic physician who was willing to go beyond the standard treatment to achieve remarkable results. In more than half of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the disease has already advanced to stage 4 [...]

### Beating Pancreatic Cancer With a Fresh Approach to Treatment

When doctors discovered a stage 3 tumor on John Magee's pancreas that they deemed inoperable, John took his health into his own hands by seeking a second opinion at Mayo Clinic. That decision made all the difference. Today, John is cancer-free. Looking back, the signs were there. "I can see I was sick," John Magee [...]

## Expertise and rankings



Mayo Clinic doctors are widely respected for their expertise in diagnosing and treating people with pancreatic cancer. Each year, nearly 1,800 people with pancreatic cancer seek care at Mayo Clinic. About 470 of them undergo Whipple procedures and related surgeries.

Mayo Clinic doctors care for people from all 50 states and from numerous countries.

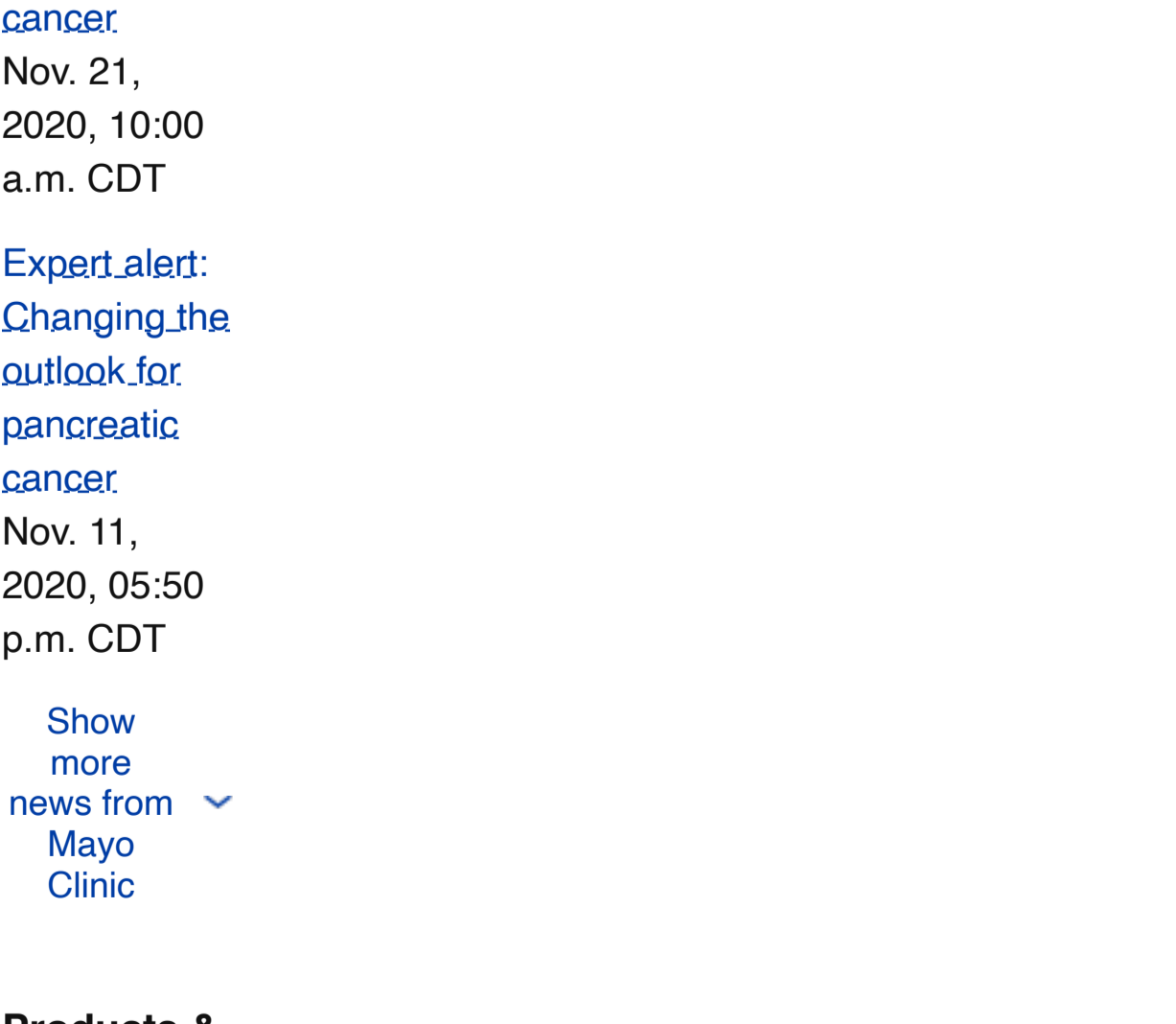
[Mayo Clinic Cancer Center](#) meets the strict standards for a National Cancer Institute comprehensive cancer center, which recognize scientific excellence and a multispecialty approach focused on cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Mayo Clinic's campuses in Florida and Minnesota are designated by the National Pancreas Foundation (NPF) as approved NPF Centers — a recognition for high-quality, multidisciplinary care.

Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., Mayo Clinic in Phoenix/Scottsdale, Ariz., and Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., are ranked among the Best Hospitals for cancer by U.S. News & World Report.

Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., ranks No. 1 for digestive disorders in the U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals rankings. Mayo Clinic in Phoenix/Scottsdale, Ariz., and Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., are ranked among the Best Hospitals for digestive disorders by U.S. News & World Report. Mayo Clinic also ranks among the Best Children's Hospitals for digestive disorders.

Learn more about Mayo Clinic's [quality rankings](#).



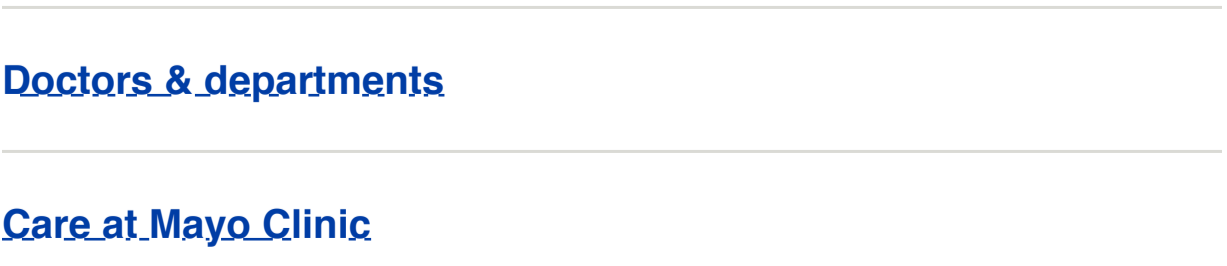
### Dr. Mark Truty (surgery, MN) better outcomes with chemo

Mayo Clinic surgeon Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S., discusses pancreatic cancer care at Mayo Clinic.

## Locations, travel and lodging

Mayo Clinic has major campuses in Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona; Jacksonville, Florida; and Rochester, Minnesota. The Mayo Clinic Health System has dozens of locations in several states.

For more information on visiting Mayo Clinic, choose your location below:



- [Mayo Clinic's campus in Arizona](#) [Mayo Clinic's campus in Florida](#) [Mayo Clinic's campus in Minnesota](#) [Mayo Clinic Health System](#)

## Costs and insurance

Mayo Clinic works with hundreds of insurance companies and is an in-network provider for millions of people.

In most cases, Mayo Clinic doesn't require a physician referral. Some insurers require referrals, or may have additional requirements for certain medical care. All appointments are prioritized on the basis of medical need.

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Please contact your insurance company to verify medical coverage and to obtain any needed authorization prior to your visit. Often, your insurer's customer service number is printed on the back of your insurance card.

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