**News Release**

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**Crook County Medical Services District and Mayo Medical Laboratories Team up to Benefit Patients and Providers**

*The collaboration provides access to more advanced and newly developed clinical tests.*

Sundance, Wyo. — [Crook County Medical Services District (CCMSD)](https://www.ccmsd.org/) has partnered with [Mayo Medical Laboratories](http://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/) as its primary reference laboratory for advanced laboratory testing. This collaboration will enhance the availability of tests and make test results available to providers and patients through CCMSD’s electronic medical record.

“While Crook County Medical Services District will continue to conduct most of its own inpatient and outpatient testing, the affiliation with Mayo Medical Laboratories will give our providers and patients access to more advanced diagnostic and newly developed tests,” says Nathan Hough, CEO of CCMSD. “Mayo Medical Laboratories provides tests that might be needed only on rare occasions and tests that require special expertise to perform and interpret.”

Mayo Medical Laboratories (MML) is the global reference laboratory of [Mayo Clinic](http://www.mayoclinic.org). Through its worldwide network of more than 4,000 clients, MML enables hospitals, medical centers, specialty clinics, and health care organizations around the world to send their clinical tests to the laboratories at Mayo Clinic, where some of the most complex testing is performed.

The agreement provides CCMSD providers and staff with access to Mayo’s extensive menu of more than 3,000 lab tests in every subspecialty of medicine. CCMSD laboratory staff and providers will have direct access to Mayo physicians and scientists to review patient test orders and interpret results, as well as have access to Mayo’s continuing education programs.

Specimens obtained at CCMSD will be transported via air to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, with results often available the following day. Additionally, MML will work closely with CCMSD to enhance the test menu of locally performed tests through a suite of consultation and support services.

“We are working with leading health care systems to provide the right test at the right time for each patient,” says [William Morice, II, M.D., Ph.D.](http://www.mayoclinic.org/biographies/morice-william-g-ii-m-d-ph-d/bio-20053799), president of Mayo Medical Laboratories and chair of [Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at Mayo Clinic](http://www.mayoclinic.org/departments-centers/laboratory-medicine-pathology/overview). “Working with CCMDS’s laboratory staff and clinicians, we will collaborate on optimizing test orders, launching new tests at CCMSD, and applying new analytics technologies. Together, we will provide the highest quality laboratory tests at an affordable price for the patients who need these tests.”

“Our skilled laboratory staff members perform more than 10,000 laboratory tests annually,” says Nathan Hough. “Mayo Medical Laboratories will help us expand and diversify in‑house lab testing at CCMSD. As a result of this relationship, patients and physicians will benefit from the knowledge of a worldwide network of experts when it’s needed.”

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**About Mayo Medical Laboratories/Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology**The [Mayo Clinic Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology](http://www.mayoclinic.org/departments-centers/laboratory-medicine-pathology/minnesota/overview) and its reference laboratory [Mayo Medical Laboratories](http://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/) provide advanced laboratory testing and pathology services to support 4,000 health care organizations around the world. Revenue from this testing is used to support medical education and research at Mayo Clinic, a nonprofit worldwide leader in medical care, research, and education for people from all walks of life. Complemented by collaborations with diagnostic and biotechnology companies, the department maintains a robust diagnostic test-development program, launching more than 150 new tests each year.

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