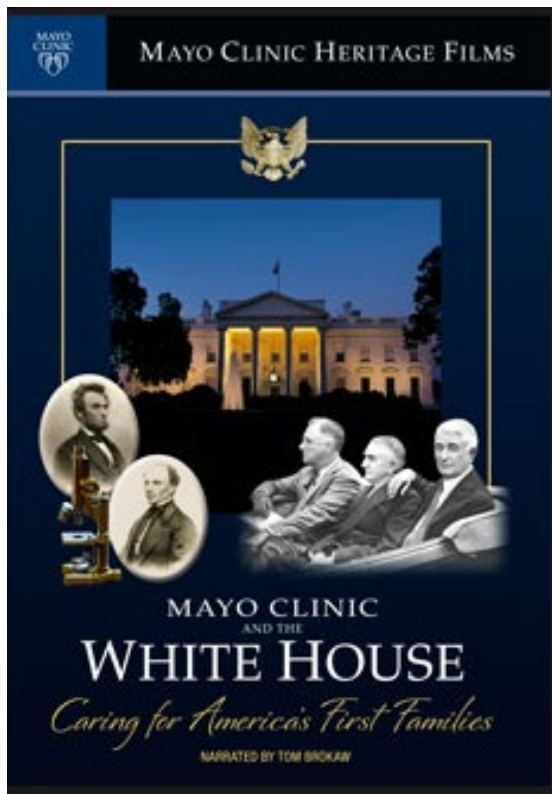




Mayo Clinic Heritage Films Discussion Guide

Mayo Clinic and the White House: Caring for America's First Families



For more than a century, American presidents have trusted Mayo Clinic to provide health care for themselves and their loved ones. No other medical center has been involved in so many ways with the First Families. Presidents and former presidents from both political parties have been loyal patients, helpful advisors, and generous supporters.

This documentary tells the story of the residents of the White House who turned to Mayo for help and the long-lasting friendships that resulted.

Discussion Questions

1. The Mayo brothers served as advisors to the government and often spoke on issues of public health. Do you think they were right to resist efforts to recruit them as candidates for the presidency?
2. Why do you think so many presidents have called on Mayo Clinic for their personal care?
3. Do you think presidents and their families should be given priority medical treatment?

4. Is there a benefit to Mayo's mission in providing care to high-profile patients?
5. Given the legitimate public interest in a president's health, do you think his or her physician should be subject to the usual strict standards of patient confidentiality?
6. How can Mayo Clinic play a role in the nation's health and advise on health care policy without becoming entangled in partisan politics?