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## DR. ERIC GRIGSBY OF NAPA, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MAYO CLINIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ROCHESTER, Minn.—Eric Grigsby, M.D. of Napa, California was elected president of the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association at the group's biennial continuing medical education meeting held recently in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. Grigsby, who completed his training at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education in 1988, is Founding Medical Director of the Napa Pain Institute, and Chief Executive Officer of Neurovations, a Napa company specializing in pain and neuroscience research and clinical education.

As his first order of business as president, Dr. Grigsby led the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Board in voting unanimously to establish the Mayo International Humanitarian Endowment to support programs that provide care to underserved patient populations around the world. Dr. Grigsby and his wife, Mary Rocca, also operate their Foundation, HealthRoots, which provides care to underserved groups, most recently in Malawi, East Africa.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Dr. Grigsby formed his interest in medicine as a career while working at Boston Children's Hospital in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. He worked with children with severe spinal deformities, cerebral palsy, and other disabling orthopedic conditions. Impressed with the orthopedic advances, he was distressed at the persistent pain and suffering apparent in these young patients.

Dr. Grigsby received his B.A. in Biology and Economics from Brown University and his M.D. from Boston University. After graduating from Boston University Medical School in 1984, Dr. Grigsby trained in General Surgery, Anesthesiology and Pain Management at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. After 5 years of post-graduate training, he was invited to join the Medical Staff and teach at the Mayo Medical School until moving to California.

Dr. Grigsby and his wife Mary Rocca are both currently enrolled at Duke University as students in the Duke Global MBA program, through the Fuqua School of Business.

The 36-person Mayo Clinic Alumni Association Board is a group of distinguished Mayo graduates, elected to serve the needs of Mayo Clinic alumni and to help further the mission of Mayo Clinic in patient care, research, and education. Dr. Grigsby's term is for two years. He succeeds Mark Laney, M.D., M.S. of St. Joseph, Mo.

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