



RUSH Brain Tumor Center and RUSH Spine Center

Consult Services

RUSH University Medical Center physicians are available for immediate consultation on brain and spine tumor cases. By calling our dedicated consultation line, your call will be answered by a neurosurgeon or neuro-oncologist to quickly determine the best course of treatment for your patient.

As the No. 4-ranked neurology and neurosurgery program in the country, we have expertise in neurosurgery, neuro-oncology, radiation oncology and palliative care that enables us to create a comprehensive, tailored treatment plans for patients with benign and malignant brain and spine tumors.

Depending on the location and size of the tumor, as well as the patient's age and overall health, our treatments can also help patients regain a better quality of life, lessening common symptoms, such as mobility and memory challenges, pain, speech difficulties and seizures.

Our team is also available to provide patients with second opinions on a diagnosis, as well as our recommendations for a surgery or treatment plan.

Why refer your patients here?

- **Neurosurgery expertise:** If your patient needs brain or spinal cord surgery to treat a tumor, RUSH's neurosurgeons are leaders in the field and specialize in minimally invasive techniques and leading-edge procedures that treat brain and spine tumors.
- **Strong partnerships:** We work closely with referring clinicians in supplementing their patients' current care and engage with them in timely, coordinated communication. We keep in mind that referring physicians are integral members of our care team, and we work with them to determine the patients needs and keep them updated on all aspects of their care. Once our intervention is complete, we promptly return the patient to the referring physicians' care.
- **Excellent nursing care:** For the fifth consecutive year, RUSH University Medical Center has received Magnet designation, the highest national recognition given for nursing excellence. The designation recognizes RUSH's nursing staff for overall excellence and for providing the very best care to patients.

To refer a patient or to request a consult with an oncologist, call **(312) CANCER-1.**

To speak directly with a neuro-oncologist or neurosurgeon, call **(312) 947-8267.**

Locations

RUSH University Medical Center
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Meet our team



Sumita Bhatia, MD
Clinical expertise
Radiation oncology



Lorenzo Muñoz, MD
Clinical expertise
Neurosurgery



Richard Byrne, MD
Clinical expertise
Neurosurgery



Joo Yeon Nam, MD
Clinical expertise
Neuro-oncology



Sea Chen, MD, PhD
Clinical expertise
Radiation oncology



Ken Tatebe, MD
Clinical expertise
Radiation oncology



Sean Grimm, MD
Clinical expertise
Neuro-oncology



Ying Zhang, MD
Clinical expertise
Radiation oncology



Stephan Munich, MD
Clinical expertise
Neurosurgery

Treatments

Surgical treatments

Awake craniotomy
Laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT)
Minimally invasive resection
Spinal cord decompression and stabilization
Vertebroplasty

Non-surgical treatments

Chemotherapy
Immunotherapy
Palliative care
Stereotactic radiosurgery
Targeted therapy

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Nationally recognized care

The neurology and neurosurgery programs at RUSH are ranked No. 4 in the nation and best in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Calling this number directly connects you with a physician. If they are occupied caring for a patient when you call, expect a return call by the end of the same day.



Excellence is just the beginning.