



Rush Head and Neck Cancer Program

Rush's Head and Neck Cancer Program provides comprehensive care for patients with benign and malignant head and neck tumors. Our multidisciplinary team includes head and neck surgeons, medical oncologists, plastic surgeons, radiation oncologists and skull base surgeons.

Our head and neck surgeons are recognized nationally for their care and have expertise treating a wide range of conditions, including early-stage, advanced and recurrent tumors. Our team delivers the latest treatments, radiation therapies, minimally invasive surgeries, and clinical trials. Patients have easy access to our physicians with next-day consultations and second opinion services.

Our Capabilities

Microvascular Reconstruction Surgery

Our surgeons use patients' healthy blood vessels, bone and tissue to rebuild defects of the face and neck caused by the removal of tumors. Microvascular reconstruction and state-of-the-art virtual surgical planning capabilities allow our surgeons to precisely correct defects from cancer treatment or contour irregularities.

Transoral Robotic Surgery

Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS) is used to safely remove benign and malignant tumors of the mouth and throat. This minimally invasive surgical method is recognized as the new standard of care for head and neck cancer patients. Patients can expect a quicker recovery time compared to traditional surgical procedures.

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery

An enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) protocol is used to optimize patients' experience. We are able to discharge most patients without opioids.

Tempus

Rush partners with Tempus to gain a better understanding of the genetics of cancerous tumors and which treatment approaches specific tumors will respond to. Genetic analysis is recommended for patients who have run out of treatment options, and those with rare cancers, such as skull base tumors and salivary gland cancers.

Organ Preservation

Head and neck cancers can be treated with radiation therapy and chemotherapy to preserve organs and their functions.

Speech and Swallowing Support

Advanced technology is used to diagnose and treat swallowing disorders, including videofluoroscopy and fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES). Frequent support and therapy is provided during and after treatment to help patients maintain and return to normal function. Complete laryngectomy care services are also provided with expertise in tracheoesophageal voice prosthesis care and management.

To refer a patient to a medical oncologist, call (312) CANCER-1. To refer a patient to a head and neck, skull base or facial plastic surgeon, call (312) 942-6100.

Conditions We Treat

- Head and neck skin cancers and melanoma
- HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancer
- Laryngeal and pharyngeal cancer
- Oral cavity cancer
- Thyroid cancer
- Nasopharyngeal cancer
- Salivary gland cancer
- Skull base cancer



Nationally Ranked Programs

The oncology team at Rush University Medical Center is consistently ranked among the best in the country in *U.S. News & World Report*. Rush is currently ranked 31th out of more than 3,000 hospitals in the country for adult cancer care services, and 34th for ear, nose and throat services. Overall, Rush University Medical Center is ranked 20th in the country and is on the Best Hospital Honor Roll.

Our Team

Head and Neck Surgeons



Samer Al-Khudari, MD



Kerstin M. Stenson, MD



Mihir K. Bhayani, MD

Radiation Oncologist



Nikhil Joshi, MD

Medical Oncologists



Mary Jo J. Fidler, MD



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Skull Base Surgery



Pete S. Batra, MD



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Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



Peter C. Revenaugh, MD



Ryan M. Smith, MD

Speech-Language Pathologist



Josh Teitcher, MS, CCC-SLP

Locations

Rush University Cancer Center

Professional Building
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Chicago, IL 60612

Rush Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

Sofija and Jorge O. Galante
Orthopedic Building
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Rush Cancer Care in Oak Park Rush Oak Park Hospital

Medical Office Building
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