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call (312) CANCER-1**

Melanoma Treatment

RUSH provides treatment for all types of melanoma. We also monitor individuals who are at higher risk of developing melanoma due to family history. Patients are tested for genetic mutations to identify the best plan of care.

Treatment options include surgery to remove the lesion, immunotherapy for patients who have metastatic disease, and chemotherapy using oral or intravenous drugs to attack the cancer once it has spread beyond the skin.

The melanoma team is comprised of medical oncologists, a surgical oncologist, dermatologists, head and neck surgeons and other clinical experts. Our specialists are skilled in treating many forms of melanoma and skin conditions, including:

- Acral lentiginous melanoma
- Actinic keratosis
- Atypical moles
- Basal cell carcinoma
- Cutaneous melanoma
- Glomus tumors
- Lentigo maligna melanoma
- Nodular melanoma
- Ocular melanoma
- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Superficial spreading melanoma

Locations

RUSH University Cancer Center

Joan and Paul Rubschlager Building
1520 W. Harrison St.
Chicago, IL 60607

RUSH Cancer Care in Oak Park

RUSH Medical Office Building
RUSH Oak Park Hospital
610 S. Maple Ave.
Suite 5400
Oak Park, IL 60304

RUSH Cancer Care in Lisle

DuPage Medical Group Building
430 Warrenville Road
Suite 200
Lisle, IL 60532

RUSH Oak Brook

2011 York Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523



The oncology team at RUSH is consistently ranked among the best in the country in *U.S. News & World Report*. RUSH is currently ranked 31st out of more than 4,500 hospitals in the country for adult cancer care services. Overall, RUSH is ranked 20th in the country, on the Best Hospitals Honor Roll.

Our Capabilities

Treatments

TVEC Treatment

RUSH is the only location in Chicago to provide TVEC treatment for melanoma patients. A modified herpes virus is injected into melanoma spots that are on the skin, and the virus works to kill the cancer by triggering the body's immune system to recognize the melanoma cells and fight against them.

Limb Sparing Surgery

RUSH providers offer limb sparing surgery to give patients the option of removing their tumors without amputation. A border of healthy tissue around the tumor is removed to lower the risk of the melanoma returning.

Clinical Trials

Patients have access to some of the most promising clinical trials. Some of RUSH's current clinical trials for melanoma include:

Treatment Study for Patients with Advanced BRAFV600 Mutant Melanoma

Dabrafenib + trametinib followed by ipilimumab plus nivolumab at progression or ipilimumab + nivolumab followed by dabrafenib + trametinib at progression in patients with advanced BRAFV600 mutant melanoma.

Clinical Trial Protocol Description: To provide combination treatment involving dabrafenib, trametinib, ipilimumab, and nivolumab for patients with advanced BRAFV600 mutant melanoma and to collect additional data on treatment safety.

Treatment Study for Patients with Unresectable Stage III or Stage IV Melanoma

Nivolumab plus ipilimumab plus sargramostin versus nivolumab plus ipilimumab in patients with unresectable stage III or stage IV melanoma.

Clinical Trial Protocol Description: To provide combination treatment involving nivolumab, ipilimumab, and sargramostin for patients with unresectable stage III or stage IV melanoma and to collect additional data on treatment safety.

Melanoma Surveillance

Experts in melanoma surveillance use focused photography and dermoscopy to carefully monitor high-risk patients for new or changing moles. This helps identify melanoma early when it is most treatable. Patients also receive counseling on preventive strategies.

Weekly Tumor Board

Members of our multidisciplinary melanoma team meet once a week to review cases and develop individualized treatment plans for each patient.

Expert Team

Medical Oncologists

Timothy M. Kuzel, MD
Alan Tan, MD

Surgical Oncologist

Cristina M. O'Donoghue, MD

Radiation Oncologist

Nikhil P. Joshi, MD

Head and Neck Surgeons

Samer Al-Khudari, MD
Mihir K. Bhayani, MD
Kerstin M. Stenson, MD

Dermatologists

Kyle Amber, MD
Mitchell L. Bressack, MD
Kevin P. Cavanaugh, MD
Elizabeth M. Damstetter, MD
James O. Ertle, MD
Parul Goyal, MD
Claudia Hernandez, MD
Faiyaaz A. Kalimullah, MD
Sonya B. Kenkare, MD
Warren W. Piette, MD
David C. Reid, MD

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

Amir H. Dorafshar, MD
Keith C. Hood, MD
David Kurlander, MD
Peter C. Revenaugh, MD
Deana S. Shenaq, MD
Ryan M. Smith, MD

Diagnostic Radiologist

Joy S. Sclamberg, MD

Neurosurgeon

Lorenzo F. Muñoz, MD

Ophthalmologist

Adam J. Cohen, MD

Pathologist

Vijaya B. Reddy, MD, MBA