

# **Rush University System for Health**

# Rush Pediatric Otolaryngology Program

The Rush Pediatric Otolaryngology Program offers care for the full range of common and complex ear, nose and throat issues in children of all ages. We set ourselves apart by providing specialized, comprehensive programs to address aerodigestive disease, craniofacial anomalies, and chronic cough. The Pediatric Aerodigestive Program at Rush University Children's Hospital is the first clinic in the greater Chicagoland area that addresses the unique needs of patients with complex, interrelated swallowing and breathing disorders. Our fellowship-trained, compassionate pediatric otolaryngologists offer the latest treatments, from medical therapy to minimally invasive surgery, and personalize care plans to meet each child's needs for a range of conditions including:

- Nasal obstruction
- Chronic cough
- Dysphagia/aspiration
- Recurrent acute otitis media
- Hearing loss
- Epistaxis
- Head and neck masses

- Laryngomalacia
- Sinusitis
- Snoring and obstructive sleep apnea
- Subglottic stenosis
- Tracheo/bronchomalacia
- Vocal cord dysfunction
- Tracheostomy dependence

# **Expertise Across Disciplines.**

Our pediatric otolaryngology physicians partner with other pediatric specialists at Rush University Children's Hospital, including gastroenterologists, pulmonologists, allergists, and sleep medicine physicians. When care is required beyond the basics, our ability to collaborate with on-site multidisciplinary teams frequently allows for same day appointments across specialties. This collaboration allows for treatments to be personalized to meet any child's needs and we work with each family to make sure they understand and are comfortable with the treatment plan.

# Flexible Telehealth Scheduling.

We are committed to providing a nurturing environment to help lessen the fear and stress for our young patients and their families. The Rush pediatric otolaryngologists and their staff are following every measure to foster a safe and sanitary hospital campus for in-person appointments. We also offer video appointments to allow patients to speak with a provider from the comfort of home.

We are currently
accepting new patients.
If you are referring a new
pediatric otolaryngology
patient, appointments
can be easily scheduled
online for an in-person
or video consultation:
rush.edu/schedule

## **Providers**



Jill S. Jeffe, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery,
Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics,
Rush Medical College

### Education

Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Chicago

Residency: McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern

University, Chicago

Fellowship: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Dr. Jeffe has a special clinical interest in pediatric airway disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea, laryngomalacia and airway stenosis through both open and endoscopic airway surgery. She developed the Pediatric Aerodigestive Program at Rush University Children's Hospital, which is the first comprehensive multidisciplinary clinic in the greater Chicagoland area that addresses the unique needs of patients with complex, interrelated swallowing and breathing disorders. Her current research interests include minimizing radiation exposure in the diagnosis of pediatric deep neck space infections, and the utility of home sleep testing in pediatric obstructive sleep apnea.



Anatoli F. Karas, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery,
Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics,
Rush Medical College

### Education

Medical School: Rush Medical College, Chicago Residency: Duke University Medical Center, Durham Fellowship: Children's of Alabama, Birmingham

Dr. Karas has a special clinical interest in congenital head and neck masses, vascular anomalies, thyroid masses and salivary gland disease. She enjoys working in collaborative settings with the Pediatric Aerodigestive Program and Rush Craniofacial Clinic. Her current research interests include vocal cord paralysis, laryngeal cleft, dysphagia, and eosinophilic esophagitis.

### Locations

### **Rush University Medical Center**

1611 W. Harrison St. Suite 550 Chicago, IL 60612

### **Rush Copley Medical Center**

2040 Ogden Ave. Suite 301 Aurora, IL 60504

### **Rush South Loop**

1411 S. Michigan Ave. 4th Floor Chicago, IL 60605

### **Rush Oak Brook**

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