RUSH Spine Center

Clinicians in the RUSH Spine Center take an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to the assessment and management of spine problems.

Since the majority of spinal problems do not require surgical intervention, we offer patients innovative, evidence-based and individualized non-surgical treatment options. Our systematic approach draws upon the expertise of specialists in physical medicine and rehabilitation and physical therapy, giving our patients a specific, non-operative plan focused on rapid recovery and improvement in most of our patients function and quality of life.

Our team of board-certified spine surgeons is available for consultation and treatment for those individuals with urgent surgical problems or who have failed to improve with non-operative therapy. These surgeons are highly experienced in all areas of spinal surgery, ranging from minimally invasive procedures to large, open deformity corrections.

In February 2023, the RUSH Spine Center moved to the Joan and Paul Rubschlager Building located on the RUSH University Medical Center campus. This state-of-the-art building serves as a destination center for spine care in the Chicago area along with a wide variety of comprehensive services including integrative medicine and expanded clinical trials.

Why refer your patients here?

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.

The RUSH Spine Center utilizes sophisticated diagnostic resources to accurately assess patients' spinal abnormalities, harnessing state-of-the-art technology for spinal procedures and surgeries.



Our world-renowned surgeons are pioneers in the development of minimally invasive surgical techniques, fusion and stabilization procedures. Each of our surgeons has super-subspecialization in areas such as tumor surgery, minimally invasive surgery, lumbar and cervical surgery and deformity correction.

Our physiatrists' focus on functional wellness provides our patients with non-surgical approaches to rehabilitation from spinal disability. By looking at how the spine interacts with the rest of the body, our physiatrists are skilled in identifying difficult-to-diagnose pain and providing individualized treatment plans to speed up patient recovery and a return to a functional lifestyle.



RUSH is one of the few hospitals in the region to use EOS imaging scan technology, which delivers two and three dimensional representations of the entire skeleton.

Patients can get scanned either seated or standing and the dose of radiation incurred is less than the traditional X-ray.



RUSH remains committed to offering patients convenient, easy access to care. In addition to Chicago, our providers are also able to see patients in Oak Brook.

To refer patients or request a consult, call (312) 942-6644 for Neurosurgery or (312) 942-8905 for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

For more information, visit www.rush.edu/neuro and www.rush.edu/pm-and-r.



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Locations

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

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Our Team

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation



Daniel R. Bunzol, MDBoard Certifications: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation



Shivani Dua, MDBoard Certifications: Pain Medicine,
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Max A. Fitzgerald, MD Board Certifications: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation



Andrew J. Patton, DOBoard Certifications: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation



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Andrea Bermudez, PA-C

Neurological Surgery



Harel Deutsch, MDBoard Certifications: Neurological Surgery



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John E. O'Toole, MD, MSBoard Certifications: Neurological Surgery



Vincent C. Traynelis, MD

Board Certifications: Neurological

Surgery

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Christopher DeWald, MDBoard Certifications: Orthopaedic Surgery

Conditions We Treat

- Acute and chronic back pain
- · Degenerative disc disease
- Herniated disc
- Kyphosis
- Neck pain
- Post-fusion syndrome
- Sciatica
- Scoliosis
- Spinal deformities
- Spinal osteoarthritis
- Spinal stenosis
- Spinal tumors
- Spondylolisthesis
- Spondylolysis
- Whiplash

Treatments

Non-surgical treatments

- Botox injection
- Bursa and joint injections
- Dry needling
- · Epidural injection
- · Facet joint injection
- Peripheral nerve blocks
- · Piriformis injection
- Radiofrequency ablation
- Sacroiliac joint injection
- Selective spinal nerve block
- Spinal Rehabilitation
- Trigger point injections

Surgical treatments

- Cervical disc replacement
- Correction of spinal deformity
- Discectomy
- Foraminotomy
- Laminectomy
- Laminoplasty
- Lumbar disc replacement
- Minimally invasive discectomy and fusion
- Spinal fusion