

# DIVISION OF COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY

Advanced surgical care for the full range of colorectal conditions

**Colon and rectal surgeons at Rush have extensive experience in the use of minimally invasive procedures to treat colorectal cancers, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and many other complex conditions.**

Our expertise includes the following:

- Colon and rectal resections using laparoscopic and robotic surgery
- Transanal endoscopic microsurgery for patients with rectal polyps, early rectal cancers, carcinoid tumors and other lesions of the rectum
- Perineal flap reconstruction
- Sacral neuromodulation for fecal incontinence
- Sphincter reconstruction for traumatic injuries
- Total proctocolectomy with ileal pouch-anal anastomosis reconstructions for ulcerative colitis and familial adenomatous polyposis
- Advanced procedures for bowel preservation in patients with Crohn's disease
- Treatment of complex pelvic floor disorders
- Treatment of common anorectal conditions, such as hemorrhoids, fistulas, abscesses and fissures
- Colonoscopic examinations
- Care for patients with genetic predisposition to colorectal cancer
- Surgical repair of parastomal hernias
- Care for complications of diverticulitis
- Cleft lift procedure for pilonidal cysts
- Surgical alternatives to permanent colostomies
- Anal dysplasia surveillance clinic
- Enterocutaneous fistulas
- On-site nursing support for stoma-related problems, and ostomy support group

## COORDINATED MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE

We routinely collaborate with other specialists at Rush to ensure that patients receive tightly coordinated care tailored to their needs. This means patients in our care can also benefit from the expertise of gastroenterologists, geneticists, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic and interventional radiologists, pathologists, urogynecologists and urologists.

- Program for Abdominal and Pelvic Health
- Coleman Foundation Comprehensive Clinic for Gastrointestinal Cancers
- Multidisciplinary Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic

To refer a patient to colon and rectal surgery at Rush,  
please call **(312) 942-7088**.



## What to expect

When you refer a patient to a colon and rectal surgeon at Rush, we can typically see the patient for an initial consultation within two business days — and the same day in acute situations. We also work with referring physicians throughout the process to ensure continuity of care and prompt return of patients to your practice after recovery from surgery.

## Meet the team



### **Anuradha Bhama, MD, FACS, FASCRS**

Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

**Fellowship:** University of Pittsburgh; St. Joseph Mercy Health System & University of Michigan

**Board certifications:** Colon and rectal surgery; general surgery

**Research interests:** Advanced minimally invasive and complex reoperative colorectal surgery

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### **Henry Govekar, MD, FACS, FASCRS**

Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

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**Board certifications:** Colon and rectal surgery; general surgery

**Research interests:** Benign and complex anorectal diseases, including recurrent or difficult anorectal fistulas and pilonidal disease.

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### **Dana Hayden, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS**

Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery

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### **Rachel Hendee, PA-C, MPH**

**Education:** Midwestern University

**Research interests:** Anal dysplasia; inflammatory bowel disease; ostomy

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