Specialty Care for Complex, Recurrent Anorectal Conditions

Our program is tailored for patients who failed first-line treatment or have a recurrent benign anorectal condition. We use the latest treatments and technologies, including laser-guided therapy and other minimally-invasive procedures. This is done in an effort to minimize larger incisions and damage to muscles crucial to continence.

Once treated, patients maintain follow up with the referring physician.

Safe and Timely GI Care for Your Patients

To address concerns about COVID-19 and to provide convenient hours for our patients, the Section of Gastroenterology offers Wednesday evening and Saturday clinic visits, and Saturdays appointments for endoscopy procedures at Rush University Medical Center.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Rush has continued to safely care for patients with all types of gastroenterology issues. In addition to the protections put in place across the organization, the GI team has taken several steps unique to their clinic and patients, including the following:

- Scheduling appointments for motility procedures and breath tests at Rush University Medical Center. Each patient who is scheduled for these procedures is swabbed for COVID-19 through point-of-care testing.
- Continuing to schedule clinic visits, either in person or virtually, at our off-site locations. We have availability at South Loop, Oak Brook, Oak Park, River North and Skokie.
- Additionally, we are scheduling all endoscopic procedures, including diagnostic and screening, at Rush University Medical Center, Rush Oak Brook and Rush Oak Park Hospital. Patients receive a COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to the procedure as an additional precaution.

"The downside of delaying care, and delaying life-saving preventive procedures such as colonoscopy is huge," Keshavarzian says in the video. "We are here for you; we are here to care for you and your family and provide the services you need."

Referring physicians should call (312) 942-5861 for questions or consultations.

Gastroenterology at Rush

Next-Day Surgical Consults

Rush University Medical Center now offers next-day appointments in several surgical specialties Monday through Saturday, whether for an initial consultation or a second opinion. Our surgical team is available in person, by video or by phone to help adults and children who are new to Rush or existing patients seeking a consultation with a practice they haven't visited before.

Patients should call (888) 352-RUSH by 3 p.m. the previous day to schedule a next-day consultation.

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Research Spotlight

How COVID Delays Might Impact Colorectal Cancer Cases

With the COVID-19 pandemic interrupting non-urgent medical care, physicians are concerned that important gains in preventing colorectal cancer could be lost and their patients could miss out on life-saving preventive care or treatment. While it is impossible to know how much screening will be missed because of the pandemic, Rush colorectal surgeon Dana Hayden, MD, MPH, estimates that two months of little or no screening theoretically could postpone diagnosis of cancer in 24,650 patients. Among those, some 9,860 cancers may be at an advanced stage already.

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Plans for Wider Testing for HCV Infection

The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) has taken a monumental step toward helping the country achieve the World Health Organization's (WHO) viral hepatitis elimination targets by recommending screening for HCV infection in adults (ages 18 to 79 years) regardless of known risk factors. Nancy Reau, MD, Rush's chief of hepatology, shares this plan and explains how this shift toward wider testing will make a long-term impact in eliminating hepatitis C.

More About HCV Screening **Publications 2019-2020**

Both Providers and Patients

Rush's Center for Crohn's and Colitis is staffed by providers from gastroenterology, colon and rectal surgery and specialists from psychology, nutrition services and pharmacy. Four of our team members have been diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease, creating an even greater understanding of the symptoms and effects of treatment, and a stronger connection with our patients.

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Best practices are changing rapidly as the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve, we've created a resource to keep you updated on the new steps we're taking, as well as link you to information to help your patients and their families, and you and your colleagues, during these unprecedented times.

More Provider Resources

Rush Makes the Honor Roll

U.S. News & World Report's 2020-2021
Best Hospitals Honor Roll

Top U.S. Hospital
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