

## CONDITIONS WE ADDRESS

We provide expertise on a wide range of conditions, including the following:

- Abdominal wall defects
- Congenital fetal heart anomalies
- Craniofacial defects
- Genetic disorders
- Neural tube defects
- Renal disorders
- Any combination of structural or genetic disorders

### THE RUSH FETAL AND NEONATAL MEDICINE PROGRAM

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**(312) 942-RUSH (7874)**



## A CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR YOUR PATIENTS

The Rush campus is conveniently located just west of downtown Chicago and is easily accessible from I-290 off of Ashland Ave. or the Chicago Transit Authority's Blue line (Forest Park train at Illinois Medical District stop) or Pink line (Polk stop). To see a map and get directions, please visit [www.rush.edu](http://www.rush.edu).

## REFERRING A PATIENT TO RUSH

To refer a patient to the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Program, please call (312) 942-RUSH.



PLEASE NOTE: All physicians featured in this publication are on the medical staff of Rush University Medical Center. Some of the physicians are in private practice and, as independent practitioners, are not employees of Rush University Medical Center.

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## FETAL AND NEONATAL MEDICINE AT RUSH

At the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Program, we believe that when confronting a fetal anomaly, it's best to face it with an experienced group of compassionate health care specialists.

That is why the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Program was created. This comprehensive program is designed to give expectant parents and their physicians the information they need to provide optimal care.

### How the Process Works

- Using the latest technologies, we begin with a diagnosis. Once a diagnosis is confirmed, we invite the expectant parents and their referring physicians to a free multidisciplinary consultation.
- At the meeting, physicians, nurses with advanced training, social workers and other staff (see inside) meet with expectant parents — along with their loved ones — to review cases, pool knowledge, share opinions and answer questions. By providing expertise, these specialists lend support and comfort to help ease the anxiety brought on by uncertain outcomes.
- Based on the meeting, the team creates a plan of action that will help guide the expectant parents for the remainder of the pregnancy and after the birth. This can include everything from additional diagnostic tests to surgical recommendations to a birthing plan.

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

When referring patients to the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Program, you can expect the following:

### Around-the-Clock Availability

- One easy phone number: (312) 942-RUSH (7874)
- Staff at the ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Access to clinicians at Rush to discuss current cases and patients

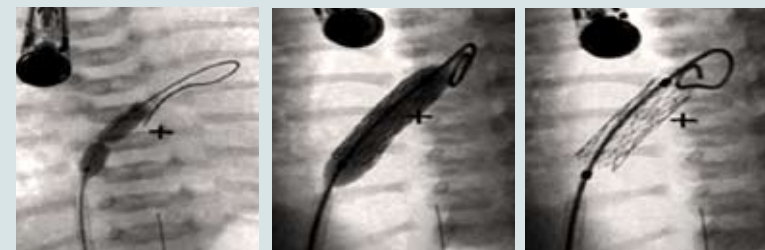
### A Collaborative Relationship

- Ongoing communication throughout the entire process (follow-up letters, test results, etc.)
- Respect for and adherence to your wishes and your patient's wishes
- Encouragement to participate in the multidisciplinary consultation with your patient

### A High Level of Care

- Advanced diagnostics and treatments
- Expedited access to appointments (the majority of patients are seen by a clinician at Rush within 48 hours of their initial contact)

Pediatric interventional cardiologists at Rush can repair congenital heart defects in newborn babies, including performing stent procedures.



## ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS

Available diagnostic tools include the following:

- First trimester (nuchal translucency) and second trimester serum screening (quad screen) for chromosomal anomalies
- Advanced ultrasound (including 3-D/4-D as needed)
- Fetal echocardiography
- Amniocentesis
- Fetal MRI
- And more ...

Further diagnostic testing and visits with specialists can be coordinated through the program and are covered by most insurance plans.

## WORLD-CLASS CARE

The program is headed by two internationally recognized leaders in their fields: **Jacques Abramowicz, MD**, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound; and **Robert Kimura, MD**, professor of pediatrics, director of the Section of Neonatology and associate dean of Rush Medical College.

And it is backed by the many resources of one of the best academic medical centers in the country. Consistently ranked among the nation's top hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*, Rush has twice earned Magnet status from the American Nurse's Credentialing Center — the highest honor in nursing. It has also been named among the top five academic medical

centers in the country by the University HealthSystem Consortium in its annual quality and accountability performance ranking. These honors reflect Rush's ongoing commitment to providing unparalleled care by working collaboratively to pool knowledge and exchange opinions based on expertise and experience.

“Being able to sit and talk about our particular circumstances to a room of world-class medical experts was a really amazing experience. The care we received from the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Program was outstanding. As soon as we met the team, we had a sense that we no longer had to face the unexpected alone.”

— Sarah and Rahul Cole-Parnaik (parents of Kalyani Eve)

## WHAT EXPECTANT PARENTS APPRECIATE ABOUT RUSH

Time and time again, expectant parents tell us how much they valued Rush and the care and support they found here. Below are just a few reasons why:

### Patient-Focused Approach

Our clinical coordinators navigate the patient through the medical system by taking care of every detail and removing roadblocks (including, but not limited to, scheduling appointments, finding lodging if needed, obtaining parking passes, etc.).

### One Person, One Call

The patient has one point of contact who is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to facilitate everything. The contact can be reached at (312) 942-RUSH (7874).

### Mother and Baby Stay Together

All care is under one roof — the baby is not transferred to another hospital for care.

## STREAMLINING MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH ONE MEETING

For the consultation meeting with expectant parents and their referring physicians, we bring together a group of specialists based on the unique needs of each patient. These specialists may include the following:

- Fetal radiologists and ultrasound specialists
- Geneticists
- Neonatologists
- Neurosurgeons
- Nurses with advanced training
- Obstetricians
- Palliative care/ethicists
- Pediatricians
- Pediatric cardiologists and interventional cardiologists
- Pediatric hematologists
- Pediatric nephrologists
- Pediatric neurologists
- Pediatric orthopedists
- Pediatric surgeons and other pediatric subspecialists
- Perinatologists
- Reconstructive surgeons
- Social workers
- Other specialists as needed

