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Complementary Medicine Clinic Opens at RUSH Oak Park

The RUSH-affiliated practice **Rehab Associates of Chicago** has opened **Complementary Care Chicago** at RUSH Oak Park Hospital, bringing together medical doctors and licensed professionals who provide complementary therapies. This new clinic will offer therapeutic services, including acupuncture, neurobiofeedback, massage, reiki, structural integration, chiropractic services, medical qi gong, feldenkrais and more.

"According to several studies, today more Americans are going to complementary care providers than to primary care physicians, so we need to feel more comfortable with what these practitioners are doing and start to look scientifically at what works and what doesn't," says James A. Young, MD, medical director of Rehab Associates of Chicago. "Complementary treatments provide additional options for patients who prefer alternative methods or when traditional methods are not optimal."

For more information about Complementary Care Chicago or to make an appointment, contact Adriana Gracia at (312) 942-8905 or adriana_gracia@rush.edu.

Read about RUSH's new **Cancer Integrative Medicine Program** in the February issue of *RUSH Physician*.

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Stephen C. Jensik, MD, PhD, was one of six people statewide to receive the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois' Community Leadership Award at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night on November 21. The award recognized Jensik's work with Illinois state representatives to pass bills that would help increase organ donation.

RUSH Programs and Services Spotlight

RUSH Head and Neck Associates

RUSH Head and Neck Associates, which opened in November, provides comprehensive preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic services for children and adults with tumors or diseases of the mouth, sinuses, throat, larynx and base of the skull.

Heading up the practice is otolaryngologist **Guy Petruzzelli, MD, PhD**, a nationally recognized leader in the field of head, neck and skull base surgery, specializing in minimally invasive surgery for benign and cancerous head and neck tumors. He comes to RUSH from Loyola University Medical Center, where he was chairperson of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and served as program director of the head and neck oncology program at the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center.

At RUSH, Petruzzelli is chief of the Section of Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Otolaryngology. He and other physicians in the Department of Otolaryngology provide comprehensive evaluation and treatment for patients with head and neck tumors, masses, difficulty swallowing, voice changes and other head- and neck-related problems.

With his expertise and experience, Petruzzelli is also able to offer the following:

- Office-based biopsies performed under local anesthesia, enabling diagnosis without a trip to the operating room.
- Transoral laser microsurgery, a minimally invasive procedure for excising malignant tumors of the throat and larynx (voicebox). The combined use of a laser and a microscope enables tumors to be removed with less damage to surrounding tissue.

Treatment plans for malignant tumors are devised by Petruzzelli and a multidisciplinary team of specialists — plastic surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and neuroradiologists — during weekly tumor planning conferences. All test and treatment results are rapidly communicated to referring physicians.

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Referrals to RUSH Head and Neck Associates are recommended for patients with the following symptoms:

- Hoarseness, especially in smokers
- Coughing up blood
- Thyroid or salivary gland masses
- Unilateral nasal obstruction
- Difficulty swallowing or pain while swallowing
- Ear pain in spite of a normal ear exam
- A neck mass that persists after two weeks of antibiotics
- Recurrent nosebleeds
- Intraoral masses, abnormal swallowing studies or non-healing intraoral ulcers

Referrals are also advised for difficult-to-examine patients or those with head and neck symptoms that do not resolve in an appropriate timeframe.

New Thoracic Surgery Practice

In the fall, RUSH announced the appointment of **Michael J. Liptay, MD**, one of Chicago's top lung cancer surgeons and researchers, as head of the Division of Thoracic Surgery and associate professor in the Department of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgery. He comes to RUSH from Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, where he was chief of the Division of Thoracic Surgery and co-director of their thoracic oncology program.

Throughout his career, Liptay has been an innovator in the field of thoracic surgery. He pioneered intraoperative sentinel lymph node mapping in lung cancer surgery and is the principal investigator of a national trial studying the technique. He has also been a leader in the application of minimally invasive techniques to the treatment of lung, esophageal and mediastinal tumors — including video assisted lung surgery, an innovative procedure for early-stage lung cancer that is not widely available.

Liptay, **William H. Warren, MD**, director of the Section of Thoracic Surgery, and **L. Penfield Faber, MD**, professor of general thoracic surgery, have joined together to form the new RUSH-owned practice **University Thoracic Surgeons**, which has offices in the RUSH University Medical Center Professional Building, Suite 774, and at RUSH North Shore, 9669 Kenton Ave., Suite 604, Skokie. The practice will welcome new physician **Anthony Kim, MD**, in January after he completes his training at the Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York; Kim completed his residency at RUSH in July 2006. Faber will continue to be available for consultative services and will be primarily involved with thoracic resident education and teaching programs.



From the Research and Clinical Trials Administration Office

Genomic Study of Bipolar Disorder

Psychiatric services of RUSH University Medical Center is one of 12 sites nationwide participating in a collaborative genomic study of bipolar disorder. The study will examine which genetic factors may influence the development of the disorder. In particular, can the DNA found in subjects with bipolar disorder tell us more about how the illness is passed from one family member to another and from one generation to another? Participants will have a small amount of blood drawn and undergo a comprehensive interview.

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Have bipolar I disorder
- Be between the ages of 16 and 70
- Know something about their biological parents, even if adopted
- Be able to participate in a three to four hour interview and describe symptoms of several episodes of their illness

Subjects will be reimbursed for their participation. The principal investigator is William A. Scheftner, MD, at (312) 942-4158. For more information, contact Diana Marta, study coordinator, at (312) 563-2843.

Liver Disease and Damage Resulting From Alcohol Use

The Department of Gastroenterology, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition is participating in a study of alcohol's effect on the intestinal lining (gut) in people with liver disease. In the study, gut leakiness will be measured by a maximum of three sugar tests performed at home. Participants will complete a questionnaire, have blood drawn to test liver function, collect urine for one day after drinking a sugar solution and swallowing four sugar capsules, and have an optional flexible sigmoidoscopy.

Participants must fit into one of the following groups:

- Healthy individuals with no liver disease or alcoholism
- Alcoholics who may or may not have liver disease
- Individuals who have liver disease but are not alcoholics
- Individuals who have had a liver transplant because of alcoholic liver disease or another kind of liver disease

For more information, please contact Ali Keshavarzian, MD, at (312) 942-5861. Prospective patients should contact Cynthia Lau, MD, at (312) 942-2845.

Save the Date: Research and Clinical Investigation Forum

The 24th Annual RUSH University Forum for Research and Clinical Investigation will be held April 11-12, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Searle Conference Center. The free forum is open to all faculty, staff and students interested in research at RUSH. Poster sessions and presentations will highlight research at RUSH. The database for poster abstracts will open by mid-January. For questions or information, please contact Matthew Raymond at (312) 563-2780, or matthew_j_raymond@rush.edu.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following is a list of physicians who joined the Medical Staff of RUSH University Medical Center between September 1 and October 31, 2006. The Medical Staff Office and the Office of Marketing Communications have made every effort to publish accurate information that is as complete as possible; however, if the information below is incorrect or we have omitted information, we apologize and ask that you contact Muriel Coleman in the Medical Staff Office at (312) 942-5496

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EYE on QUALITY: *Epic Update!*

For months, you've been hearing a lot about Epic and how it will improve the safety, quality and efficiency of patient care and administrative processes across the Medical Center. The plan was to begin implementation of this innovative new system in February 2007.

While all major decisions for the system have been made, the Transformation Steering Committee has decided to take additional time to review the workflow processes and test the interfaces, ensuring that our new applications integrate with our existing programs. The implementation of Epic will now start the first week of April with the pharmacy system, followed by the new billing, registration, computerized provider order entry and clinical documentation systems the first week of May. OpTime, the surgical scheduling system, goes live the first week of June.

The Epic training teams will use this extra time to work with clinicians to validate existing order sets and respond to their recommendations. This extended timeline also will enable the teams to refine their training lessons and prepare for the education of nearly 5,700 employees, starting with more than 300 "super users" after the holidays. Super users will go through a vigorous training process to ensure they fully understand the new system; they will then assist staff in their areas during implementation.

The implementation of Epic is one of the most important milestones in RUSH's recent history, and there will continue to be much work in the months ahead. The project's success will require all of us to be accountable for our decisions and to make Epic a priority.

If you have a question or comment about Epic, call (312) 563-EPIC (3742) or e-mail epic_questions@rush.edu.

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Grand Rounds

Department of Neurological Sciences

Cohn Research Building, Field Conference Room, 1st floor

Tuesday, January 23, 8 to 9 a.m.

"New Directions in ALS Research"

Raymond P. Roos, MD, Marjorie E. Straus Professor in Neurological Sciences, Department of Neurology, University of Chicago

Tuesday, January 30, 8 to 9 a.m.

"MRI-Derived Anatomical Markers of Risk of Alzheimer's Disease"

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