Continuing Education

**Latest Lung Cancer Treatment Options and Research**

Rush's virtual lung cancer education conference will provide up-to-date information for pulmonologists and other lung care professionals in the lung cancer space across the Midwest. The program will cover management and treatment options for both small cell and non-small cell lung cancers, including targeted therapies, immunotherapy, and multi-targeted therapies.

Learn More and Register

Research

**Asthma Tied to Longer Vent Time for Young COVID-19 Patients**

Patients with COVID-19 between the ages of 20 and 59 years old who also had asthma needed a ventilator to assist with breathing for five days more on average than non-asthmatic patients with COVID-19, according to researchers at Rush University Medical Center, who published their findings in *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice*.

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Clinical Trials at Rush

Rush faculty members are involved in thoracic clinical trials, cancer center clinical trials, pulmonary clinical trials and investigator-initiated studies.

More About Clinical Trials and Publications

Safe and Convenient Care for Your Patients

The last few months have been challenging for us all, and also for our patients. Because of COVID-19, we've had to put our day-to-day work on hold. But Rush has not been idle. Our lung cancer education conferences have continued online, and our care for other lung diseases continues in person and virtually.

Rush has implemented a number of changes to make it more convenient, and of course, safe, for patients to be in touch with our team.

- **Virtual expanding auscultation:** The hearing for new patients has been temporarily suspended. New patients will be examined by auscultation and, if necessary, by video conferencing.
- **New appointment options:** Appointments are now available at Rush University Medical Center, Rush Oak Park Hospital, Rush Brook and our facility in Lisle. Patients can also schedule virtual care appointments.
- **Specialty clinics:** Rush's respiratory and pulmonary medicine specialties are expanding their virtual care availability.

Rush has been through a very trying time; hopefully one we will not see again in our lifetimes. Together, we can navigate the challenges in managing our practices and caring for our patients.

To refer a patient or consult with a member of our team, please call (312) 942-6642.

Lung Cancer Services 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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Pandemic Work Raises Interest in Respiratory Therapy Career

Since COVID-19 reached the United States, Rush University's College of Health Sciences has seen greater interest in the Respiratory Care master's degree program. In fact, the number of students who have committed to starting in the fall is up 8% from the same time a year ago.

"Hospitals all over the United States are in need of highly qualified respiratory therapists," said J. Brady Scott, MSc, RRT, a respiratory therapist and an associate professor of respiratory care at Rush University. "Now because of the nature of the COVID-19 disease and the unique skillset we have, this need has never been so visible, but in reality, it existed even before."

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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 and connect you with information to help your patients and their families, and you and your colleagues, during these unprecedented times.

More Provider Resources