Rush’s brain tumor team includes providers specializing in neurology/oncology, neurosurgery, radiation oncology and neuropathology to provide comprehensive care to patients with various types of brain tumors. The multidisciplinary approach to treatment of complex brain tumors allows the team to focus not only on chemotherapy, radiation and other treatment options that keep cancer cells in check, but also address the neurological impact the cancer and cancer treatments can have on movement, cognition and even personality.

Rush brain tumor patients have dedicated nurse navigators and oncology social workers to help navigate the system. Patients also have access to the latest treatments and clinical trials, including immunotherapies such as an investigational vaccine given in conjunction with bevacizumab, an FDA-approved drug that targets the proteins glioblastoma cells need to grow blood vessels. Rush is one of only a few Midwest locations for this international trial, Drug Treatment Study for Recurrent or Progressive Glioblastoma.

A multidisciplinary brain tumor board meets weekly to discuss the medical and surgical management of complicated brain tumor cases.

Meet the Team

**Neurology/Neuro-Oncology**

- **Joo Yeon Nam, MD**
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  - **Medical School:** Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University
  - **Residency:** Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
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**Neurosurgery**

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  - **Board Certification:** Neurological Surgery
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**Neurosurgery-Laster Interstitial Thermal Therapy**

- **Sepehr B. Sani, MD**
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**Neurosurgery-Skull Base**

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**Conditions We Treat**

- **Gliomas**
  - Glioblastoma multiforme
  - Astrocytoma
  - Oligodendroglioma
  - Pilocytic astrocytoma
- **Meningioma**
- **Ependymoma**
- **Medulloblastoma**
- **Cranioipharyngioma**
- **Germ cell tumors**
- **Pineal tumors**
- **Pituitary tumors/pituitary adenomas**
- **Primary CNS lymphoma**
- **Schwannoma/acoustic neuromas**
- **Brain metastases**
- **Neurologic complications of cancer or cancer treatments**

**Tests and Treatments**

- Advanced MRI including perfusion MRI and MR spectroscopy
- Awake craniotomy with brain mapping
- Laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT)
- Intensity modulated radiation therapy
- 3D conformal radiation therapy
- Stereotactic radiosurgery
- Tumor molecular profiling
- Chemotherapy
- Clinical trials for nervous system tumors
- Integrative medicine
- Palliative care

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