RUSH's brain tumor team includes providers specializing in neuro-oncology, neurosurgery, radiation oncology and neuropathology to provide comprehensive care to patients with various types of brain tumors. A multidisciplinary brain tumor board meets weekly to discuss the medical and surgical management of complicated brain tumor cases. This 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.

Why refer your patients to RUSH?

First-rate care: U.S. News & World Report ranked RUSH University Medical Center No. 4 in the country — and the best in Illinois — for neurology and neurosurgery, and among the best in the nation for cancer care.

Reduced wait time: Given the time sensitivity to diagnose and treat brain tumors, patients needing neuro-oncology appointments are seen within two business days upon being referred to RUSH.

Leading edge treatments: Whether it’s cutting edge therapies, such as GammaTile, or access to a robust selection of the latest clinical trials, RUSH clinicians are incorporating the latest clinical innovations as part of each patient’s tailored treatment plan.

Accessible locations: No matter where our patients live, our goal is to ensure that they have easy and convenient access to expert, compassionate care. RUSH has locations in downtown Chicago, the western suburbs and northwest Indiana.

Comprehensive support: Through care coordination that economizes patient visits to the hospital, financial counseling, nutrition coaching and neuropsychological care, RUSH provides every patient with wraparound support before, during and after their treatment.

To refer a patient or to request a consult with an oncologist, call (312) CANCER-1.

To speak directly with a neuro-oncologist or neurosurgeon, call (312) 947-8267.

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

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

Neurology/Neuro-oncology

Sean Grimm, MD  
Co-Director, Rush Brain Tumor Center  
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Board certifications: Neuro-oncology and Neurology

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Neurosurgery

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Neurosurgical oncology  
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Neurosurgery-Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy

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Neurosurgery-Skull Base

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Advanced Practice Providers

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Nurse Navigators

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