

# The RUSH Peripheral Nerve Restoration Clinic

RUSH University Medical Center's multidisciplinary team of physiatrists, neurosurgeons, neuromuscular specialists and plastic surgeons combines experience and expertise with the latest in medical advances to provide timely diagnoses and coordinated, comprehensive care for patients afflicted with peripheral nerve injuries and tumors.

Given the varying complexity and severity of these disorders, patients with peripheral nerve injuries and tumors tend to be diagnosed late or misdiagnosed altogether. As a result, they often receive delayed care, which hinders their chances to restore or regain their nerve function.

After receiving an initial evaluation, patients may work with RUSH physiatrists to recover nerve function through rehabilitation. In some cases, patients may become immediate candidates for surgery, such as nerve and tendon transfers or tumor resection. Patients may then require additional postoperative rehabilitation, if necessary.

## Who are ideal candidates to be seen in the clinic?

Given the time-sensitive nature of restoring or improving nerve function, patients are ideally seen as early as possible after a traumatic event with known nerve injury or after the diagnosis of a non-traumatic nerve injury or tumor is made.

## Why refer your patients here?



**First-rate care:** The neurology and neurosurgery programs at Rush are ranked No. 4 in the nation and best in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report*.

**Multidisciplinary approach:** RUSH is the only multidisciplinary clinic in Chicago focused on peripheral nerve injuries and tumors where patients can be seen by their entire provider team and undergo diagnostic testing on the same day.

**Exemplary electromyography (EMG) lab:** RUSH's EMG lab earned exemplary status, the highest level of accreditation given by the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, which ensures patients receive quality medical care in a safe environment.

## Conditions we treat

- Brachial plexus injuries and tumors
- Carpal tunnel syndrome
- Compressive neuropathies
- Cubital tunnel syndrome
- Lumbosacral plexus injuries and tumors
- Neurofibromatosis
- Peripheral nerve disorders and tumors
- Peroneal nerve injury and entrapment

## Specialized testing

- EMG and nerve conduction study
- Magnetic resonance neurography
- Muscle, nerve and skin biopsies
- Neuromuscular evaluation
- Single fiber EMG

## Treatments offered

- Free functional muscle transfer
- Nerve decompression
- Nerve grafting
- Nerve transfers (upper and lower extremity)
- Orthotic and rehabilitation services
- Tendon transfers
- Tumor resection

## Our team



**Daniel Bunzol, MD**

Board certifications:  
Physical medicine and  
rehabilitation



**Ricardo Fontes, MD**

Board certification:  
Neurological surgery



**David Kurlander, MD**

Board certification:  
Plastic surgery



**Rabia Malik, MD**

Board certifications:  
Clinical neurophysiology,  
neurology

## Locations

### **RUSH University Medical Center**

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