Combining the expertise of its oncology, radiation oncology and urology programs, Bladder Cancer Care at Rush features a robust menu of both surgical and non-surgical treatment options for patients with bladder cancer.

Our subspecialty trained surgeons use the latest and most effective operative procedures for cancer, such as cystectomy, urinary diversion and neobladder reconstruction, and incorporate robotic techniques whenever appropriate. The use of robotic procedures and other minimally invasive techniques provides patients with shorter hospital stays, less pain and faster recovery times. In particular, our use of robotic techniques for bladder removal and urinary reconstruction procedures frequently results in average length of stays for patients of less than five days.

When non-surgical treatments are involved, we draw upon a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach. In focusing on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer, our therapies are based on cutting-edge research and Rush’s participation in the latest clinical trials, which provide our patients with the most innovative and effective treatment options.

Types of bladder cancer we treat

- Transitional cell
- Small cell
- Urachal
- Adenocarcinoma
- Squamous cell
- Other variant histologies

Treatments

Non-surgical

- Systemic chemotherapy
- Systemic immunotherapy
- Intravesical therapy
- Radiation therapy

Surgical

- Robotic cystectomy with intracorporeal urinary diversion
- Neobladder construction
- Partial or total cystectomy and revision
- Transurethral resection of a bladder tumor
- Urinary diversion and revision

Why refer your patients here?

Nationally recognized expertise: U.S. News & World Report ranks Rush University Medical Center among the nation’s top 50 hospitals for cancer care.

Leaders in bladder cancer surgery: Urologists at Rush are among the few providers in the Midwest to offer robotic cystectomy with intracorporeal urinary diversion for patients with advanced bladder cancer. This minimally invasive procedure can lead to less pain and quicker recovery of urinary function, compared to open surgery.

Personalized options: Bladder cancer experts at Rush work closely with Tempus, a biotechnology company whose powerful software can analyze a patient’s specific genetic and clinical data. This analysis can suggest how their cancer might respond to specific therapies, allowing their care team to tailor the treatment accordingly.

Convenient follow-up care: After recovering from bladder cancer, patients often require frequent follow-up visits. To make this care as convenient as possible, we offer video and phone visits, as well as care at multiple locations across the Chicago area.
**Our Team**

**Edward Cherullo, MD**  
Chair, Department of Urology  
Clinical expertise  
Complex urinary reconstruction  
Genitourinary cancer

**Andrew Stephenson, MD**  
Clinical expertise  
Advanced single port robotics  
Genitourinary cancer  
Robotic cystectomy  
Robotic intracorporeal diversion

**Dian Wang, MD, PhD**  
Clinical expertise  
Brachytherapy  
Genitourinary cancer  
Sarcoma

**Alexander Chow, MD**  
Clinical expertise  
Advanced single port robotics  
Genitourinary cancer

**Alan Tan, MD**  
Clinical expertise  
Clinical trials  
Genitourinary cancer  
Precision genomic cancer medicine

**Christopher Coogan, MD**  
Clinical expertise  
Genitourinary cancer

**Srinivas Vourganti, MD**  
Clinical expertise  
Genitourinary cancer  
Minimally invasive cancer diagnostics

**Timothy Kuzel, MD**  
Clinical expertise  
Chemotherapy  
Clinical trials  
Genitourinary cancer  
Immunotherapy

**Dian Wang, MD, PhD**  
Clinical expertise  
Brachytherapy  
Genitourinary cancer  
Sarcoma

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**Rush South Loop**  
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Chicago, IL 60605

**Rush Radiation Medicine**  
500 S Paulina St.  
Chicago, IL 60612

**Rush Oak Brook**  
2011 York Road  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

**Rush Oak Park**  
610 S. Maple Ave.  
Oak Park, IL 60304

**Rush Hematology, Oncology and Cell Therapy**  
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