Our specialists offer comprehensive options to manage these conditions based on extensive clinical experience and cutting-edge research. Treatment options include but are not limited to colonoscopy, chromoendoscopy, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, endoscopic ultrasound, esophagogastroduodenoscopy, newly approved medical therapy, infusion therapy, laparoscopy and psychotherapy.

We are happy to care for patients who need advanced inpatient management, seek second opinions, or are transferring care from other hospitals to our inpatient IBD service. Our practice places a high level of importance on working alongside referring providers to fully benefit the patient.

Unique Approaches. We research innovative treatment options for IBD-related conditions. Patients may qualify to enroll in clinical trials led by RUSH researchers, such as our ongoing stem cell trial for treating Crohn's fistulas, providing access to cutting-edge treatments and therapies.

The Center for Crohn's and Colitis also offers access to the RUSH Ostomy Support Group. Patients who are living with ileostomies, colostomies, and urostomies; are caring for a loved one with an ostomy; or are considering a possible diversion surgery can take advantage of our virtual forum. The support group allows individuals to ask questions and discuss ostomy-related issues while learning from expert guest speakers, building mutual support and finding camaraderie.

The program offers an infusion center located on the main hospital campus of our primary clinic, making it convenient to receive this service without additional travel or time. Patients also may receive infusion services recommended by referring physicians.

We also closely coordinate IBD care with radiology and pathology teams. In addition, our pilot robotic surgery program has pushed forward treatment through procedures like the construction of ileal pouch anal-anastomosis (IPAA, j-pouches) or laser surgery to treat perianal fistulas.

IBD patients can typically be seen within 24 hours. We can also offer same-day collaborative consultations with multiple members of our team from different disciplines, either in person or via video.
Meet our team

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