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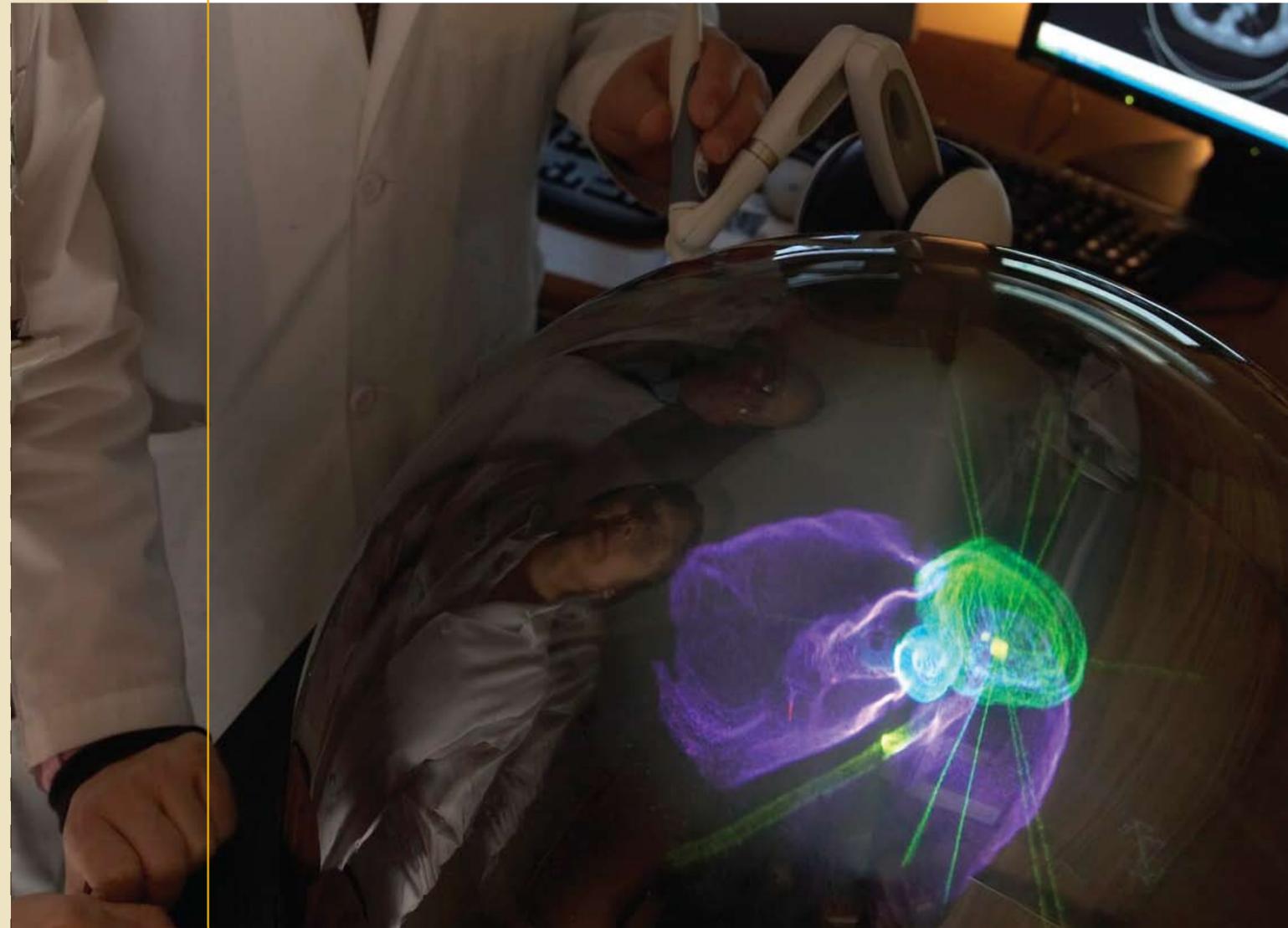
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# Make Rush Your Future



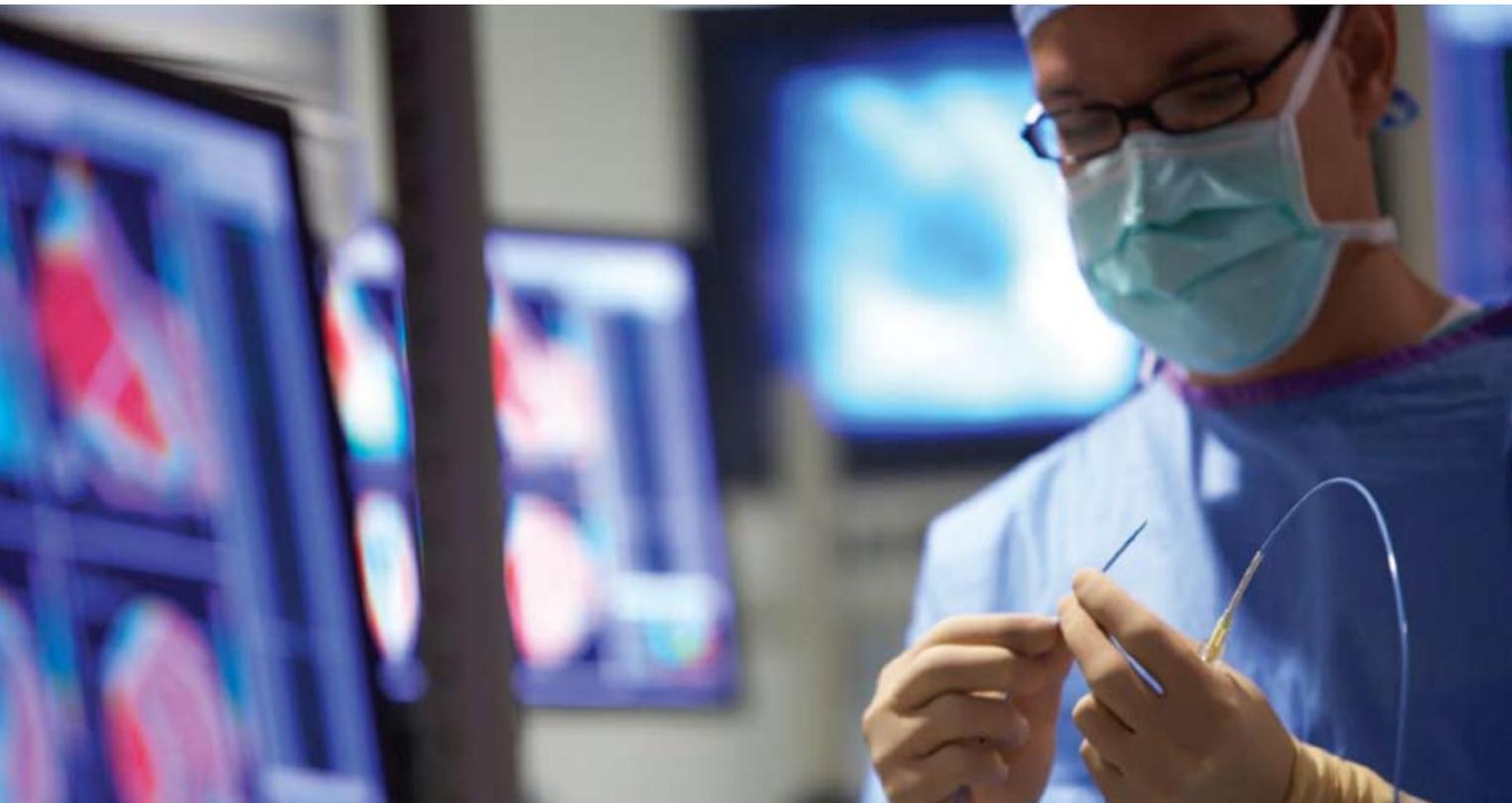
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## Rush is a different kind of academic medical center.

Unlike many centers that primarily emphasize education and research, Rush University Medical Center has at its core a primary focus on patient care. “Everything we do — our education and research endeavors, community service and relationships with other hospitals — is dedicated to enhancing excellence in patient care for the diverse communities of the Chicago area,” says Rush President and CEO Larry J. Goodman, MD.

It’s the people who work at Rush who make it a truly exceptional place of healing. For more than 170 years, physicians and researchers at Rush have been leaders in developing innovative and often lifesaving treatments, from implants that perform more like biological joints to the first cerebrovascular stents. Patients come here from across the state and around the world to be treated by specialists who are among the finest experts in their respective fields, earning Rush a reputation as a standout in the world of academic medicine.

Rush supports physicians’ commitment to improving the lives of patients, and we strive to create a dynamic, collegial environment that fosters physicians’ professional and personal growth — so they can focus on making a difference, now and in the future.



## About Rush

Rush University Medical Center is a nonprofit, tertiary care academic medical center located on the West Side of Chicago. Rush encompasses a 618-bed hospital serving adults and children; the 58-bed Johnston R. Bowman Health Center, which provides medical and rehabilitative care to older adults and people with short- and long-term disabilities; the 128-bed Rush Oak Park Hospital and Rush University.

Rush University is home to one of the first medical colleges in the Midwest and one of the nation’s top-ranked nursing colleges, as well as graduate programs in allied health, health systems management and biomedical research. The Medical Center also offers more than 70 highly selective residency and fellowship programs in medical and surgical specialties and subspecialties.

The West Side neighborhood is anchored by the Illinois Medical District (IMD), which comprises Rush, John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, the University of Illinois Medical Center and the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. The IMD is one of the largest health care delivery organizations in the nation, with a network of three hospitals and more than 30 clinics, and more than 1.5 million ambulatory visits each year. Rush’s neighbors also include the United Center, home of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Blackhawks, and the American Red Cross headquarters.

Diversity is the hallmark of the West Side, as more than 67 percent of its residents are minorities. And Rush’s employee and student populations mirror that diversity:

- Approximately 72 percent of our employees are women

- Approximately 50 percent of our employees are minorities
- Approximately 46 percent of all residents and fellows are minorities
- Approximately 74 percent of the student body of Rush University are women and 28 percent are minorities

Since 1837, we have opened our doors to a diverse population of patients, employees and students, creating and maintaining a culture that exemplifies inclusion. We have maintained our historical status as a visionary in diversity and continually strive to create opportunities for women and minorities.

A key component of our “patients first” mission is serving the health care needs of all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. This commitment has been recognized by the University HealthSystem Consortium, an alliance of nearly all U.S. academic medical centers, which conducts annual quality and safety benchmarking study of its member institutions and awarded Rush the highest score given — 100 percent — for “equity of care.” This ranking measures whether patients receive the same quality of treatment and have the same outcomes regardless of their gender, race or socioeconomic status.



“I chose Rush because of its reputation as an institution that truly cares about patients. The clinical programs at Rush are very strong, and the atmosphere is friendly and collaborative — from the physicians and nurses to the technicians and other staff.”

— Ziyad M. Hijazi, MD, MPH, director, Rush Center for Congenital and Structural Heart Disease

## Clinical Excellence

The following programs at Rush are nationally recognized for the outstanding care they provide for their patients:

- Cancer — including breast cancer; colorectal cancer; gynecologic cancers; head and neck cancer; hematologic cancers, including leukemias and myelomas; lung cancer; prostate cancer; skin cancer; brain cancer, including skull base tumors; and sarcomas and bone cancer
- Cardiology and cardiovascular surgery — including cerebrovascular disease; pediatric cardiology, including congenital heart disease; acquired heart disease; arrhythmias; heart failure and heart transplant; women's heart health; interventional cardiology; and preventive cardiology
- Gastroenterology — including colorectal cancer; Crohn's disease; esophageal cancer; gastroesophageal reflux disease; irritable bowel syndrome; pancreatic disorders; ulcerative colitis; Barrett's esophagus; and celiac disease
- Geriatrics — including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; Parkinson's disease; rehabilitative services; and geriatric psychiatry
- Gynecology — including women's health; infertility; and pelvic floor conditions
- Kidney disease — including kidney transplant; and diabetes and hypertension management
- Neurology and neurosurgery — including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; stroke and cerebrovascular disease; spine conditions; epilepsy; Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders; and multiple sclerosis.
- Orthopedics — including spine and back conditions; damaged joints; damaged cartilage; bone cancers; orthopedic traumas; hand, elbow and shoulder injuries; foot and ankle conditions; and sports-related injuries in men, women and children
- Otolaryngology — including skull base tumors; pituitary tumors; vocal cord disorders and paralysis; swallowing disorders; disorders of the voice, airways, sinuses, and salivary and thyroid glands; and communicative disorders
- Pediatrics — including fetal and neonatal medicine and the following pediatric subspecialties: cardiology, including congenital heart disease; blood disorders; cancer; cystic fibrosis; eating disorders; nephrology; endocrinology and diabetes; gastroenterology; pulmonary disease; respiratory medicine; orthopedics; and neurology and neurosurgery
- Urology — including prostate cancer; erectile dysfunction; pelvic floor conditions; and pediatric urological conditions

In addition, Rush's emergency department was designated a bioterrorism preparedness Center of Excellence by the Chicago Department of Public Health and is a national leader in the development of methods and tools for planning and responding to disaster scenarios and terror attacks.

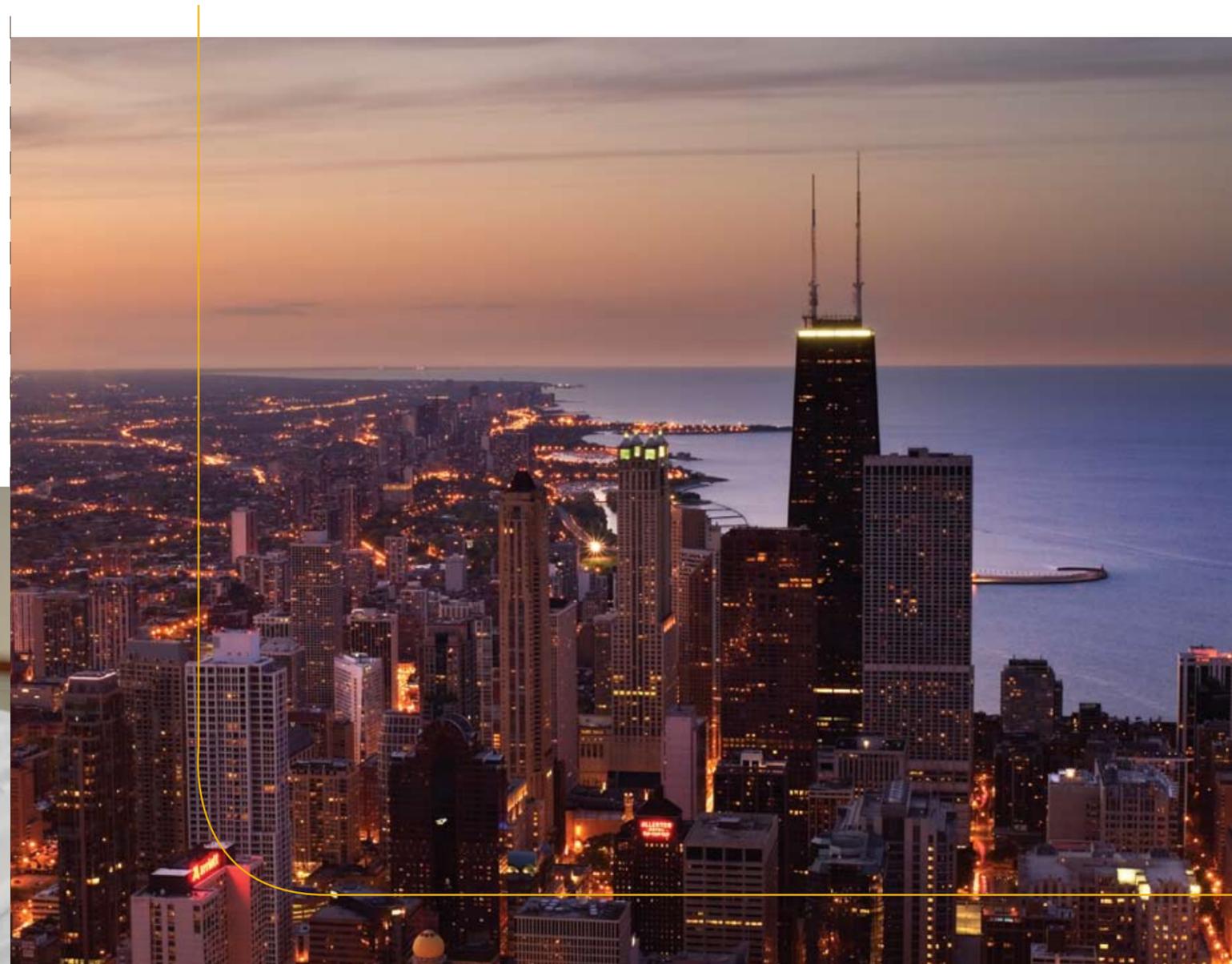


## Sweet Home Chicago

Rush is located on Chicago's West Side, just minutes from downtown Chicago and easily accessible by all major expressways and public transportation. For Rush, the West Side and Chicago are more than just where we happen to find ourselves located: More than half of Rush's 8,100 employees live in the city. And it's easy to see why they choose to call Chicago home.

Rich in history and diverse in culture, Chicago is a world-class city with genuine Midwestern charm. The city truly has something for everyone. It boasts spectacular art and architecture, a thriving theater district, world-class cuisine, professional and collegiate sports teams, endless shopping and miles of beautiful beaches and parks lining Lake Michigan. In the summer, festivals take center stage, from Blues Fest to the world-renowned "Taste of Chicago," and the city's many museums host a varied menu of exhibits year-round. Historic Navy Pier is a popular destination for people of all ages, featuring a children's museum, boat rides, a Ferris wheel and a variety of shops and restaurants. Chicago is also known for its neighborhoods, each of which has its own unique flavor.

Chicago's vast appeal doesn't end at the city limits. The surrounding communities offer all the advantages of suburban life — including great schools, park districts and a wealth of family-friendly attractions, such as Brookfield Zoo and Kohl Children's Museum.



# The Future of Medicine Is Now

Year after year, Rush continues to set standards in health care. The Medical Center and our programs and professionals are recognized with many prestigious honors and awards, reflecting the quality of care we provide and reaffirming our steadfast commitment to our patients.

## Survey Says: Rush a Top-Performing Hospital

In addition to routinely awarding Rush a perfect score in "equity of care," University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) consistently names Rush a top-performing hospital in its quality and safety benchmarking studies. Based on patient outcomes, patient safety, mortality, efficiency and equity of care, these studies involve some of the nation's finest academic medical centers and place Rush among the top five UHC member institutions.

## One of "America's Best Hospitals"

A number of specialties at Rush are consistently ranked among the best in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. The magazine lists the top hospitals across the country for 16 medical specialties as part of its annual "America's Best Hospitals" issue. Only a fraction of the nation's hospitals score high enough to rank in even a single specialty. In 2007, Rush was ranked in 11 specialties, more than any other hospital in Illinois.

## Nursing Excellence Awarded Highest Seal of Approval — Twice

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has twice awarded Rush's nursing program Magnet status — the highest recognition given for nursing excellence. Rush was the first hospital in Illinois serving both adults and children to receive this distinction twice.

## A Primary Stroke Center

Rush has earned the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission for Primary Stroke Centers. Certification from the Joint Commission signifies that Rush makes exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care.

## Rush: A "Company That Cares"

The Center for Companies That Care named Rush to its fifth honor roll in 2007. Honor roll recipients are selected for their strong commitment to elevating the quality of life for their employees and for people in the broader community.

## An Equal Opportunity Employer

In 2007, Rush was awarded an Exemplary Volunteer Efforts (EVE) Award from the U.S. Department of Labor. These awards are given each year to federal contractors who develop and maintain exceptional equal employment opportunity programs. Only three organizations nationwide were honored in 2007, and Rush was the first EVE Award winner from Chicago in more than a decade.

## Team Doctors for the Sox and Bulls

Rush is proud to be the preferred medical center for the Chicago Bulls and the 2005 World Champion Chicago White Sox and home to their team physicians.

## Outstanding Cancer Care

Rush has received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer.

## "Most Wired" Technologically

Rush has repeatedly been named one of the country's "Most Wired" hospitals by *Hospitals and Health Networks* magazine. Each year, the magazine identifies U.S. medical centers that are leading the way in using technology to improve patient care.



## RUSH UNIVERSITY SIMULATION LABORATORY

Founded in 2002, the Rush University Simulation Laboratory (RUSL) offers clinical simulation education for physicians, nurses and students at Rush. Its mission is to provide exceptional curricula focused on the integration of didactics, procedural competencies, critical thinking and teamwork to all medical professions.

The lab is equipped with life-sized, computer-controlled "virtual patients" capable of simulating almost any possible human medical emergency, including allergic reactions and the effects of biochemical agents and drug overdoses. Audio and video systems in the adjoining conference room and classroom enable trainees to observe teaching sessions and interact with the instructor, and allow faculty to provide guided performance feedback to trainees whose simulation scenarios have been recorded.

In addition to adult, child and infant simulators, the RUSL offers a laparoscopic simulator, a neonatal/birthing simulator, and an additional "emergency care" simulator. Clinicians can practice a variety of clinical tasks, such as tracheal intubations, insertion of intravenous or bladder catheters, chest compressions, defibrillation and pelvic examinations. Pharmacology and anesthesiology courses demonstrate the actions of drugs on vital signs and physiology.

In 2007, the RUSL was awarded the CHEF Leadership Award for Innovation by the Chicago Health Executives Forum, one of the largest chapters of the American College of Healthcare Executives. The award recognizes innovative and outstanding programs in the Chicago market that foster a positive evolution in the health care arena.

"I had many choices about where to practice. I chose Rush because the world-renowned research facilities and strong focus on patient care allow me to provide the best service for my patients; the wonderful people and strong emphasis on training provide the support network required for me to be successful; and, last but not least, Chicago is simply the best place in the world to live."

—Michele Bailey, DO, internal medicine physician



## Advancing Medicine Through Research

Rush is dedicated to the pursuit of outstanding biomedical research in order to advance knowledge and optimize patient care. To achieve this mission, we have extensive clinical and basic research programs, and many of our researchers hold dual appointments at Rush University and on the medical staff of Rush University Medical Center.

“Our combined basic and clinical research capabilities create the opportunity to translate ideas from the clinic into longitudinal population studies in order to ultimately bring important health care information back to our research community for further improvements,” says James L. Mulshine, MD, associate provost for research at Rush.

The focus of this translational research is to use basic biological information to develop new methods for patient care and new ways to treat and manage a full range of diseases, from heart disease to osteoarthritis. To accomplish this, researchers at Rush strive to gain a complete understanding of the disease — from its origins to its effects on the body to its impact on the community.

More than 1,500 research projects — including hundreds of clinical trials — are under way at Rush on any given day. Some of this groundbreaking work is housed in the Robert H. and Terri Cohn Research Building, a state-of-the-art facility where investigators are conducting genetic research to identify the causes of rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and a variety of other diseases.

The Medical Center’s Office of Philanthropy helps to procure vital philanthropic support for research and clinical innovations through fundraising and grantmaking.



## The Rush Transformation: Building for the Future

In 2006 Rush began the exciting process of transforming its facilities and its clinical and nonclinical patient processes to dramatically improve patient care and the overall patient experience. Once the transformation is complete, Rush will be able to serve patients better in specially designed new facilities, using improved technology and processes to efficiently handle all direct and indirect patient interactions.

The cornerstone of the transformation is a new hospital building designed to provide a dynamic healing environment for patients while empowering caregivers to provide even more effective diagnoses, treatments and cures. The transformation also will involve the construction of a new ambulatory care building for orthopedics, as well as major renovation and integration of existing Rush patient care facilities. Nearly one million square feet of space will be constructed or renovated as part of the \$900 million, seven-year initiative.

In addition to expanded outpatient procedure space that will enable growth in patient visits, a key component of the new hospital will be a leading-edge emergency department with twice its current capacity, which will serve as a regional center for advanced emergency response, allowing Rush to treat mass casualties should a catastrophe hit the Chicago area.

Designated a bioterrorism preparedness Center of Excellence by the Chicago Department of Public Health,

Rush’s ability to protect the people of Chicago was the inspiration behind a blueprint for the emergency department of the future. The new facility will include state-of-the-art decontamination facilities, an emergency patient surge space and a streamlined triage center.

Additionally, in 2006, Rush was awarded a research grant from the Department of Defense to design an artificially intelligent computer module for disease surveillance. Through these advances and the new facility, Rush will be able to bring an unprecedented level of emergency preparedness to Chicago.

Another key facet of the Rush transformation is the implementation of a new information technology system called Epic, which began in 2007. These new electronic software applications will ensure the integration of clinical and financial information, providing streamlined registration and scheduling, faster and more accurate test results, and real-time access to complete medical histories.



“I chose Rush because I wanted to work at an academic medical center with a strong neurosciences program, and I knew Rush had an impressive history in that area. Here, I have the chance not only to further develop the neurological critical care program, but to collaborate with other physicians who are dedicated to advancing care for this patient population.”

— Richard E. Temes, MD, MS, director of neurological critical care

## Is Rush in Your Future?

There are many reasons why physicians choose to make Rush their professional home: the opportunity to practice at one of the nation's top academic medical centers; the chance to collaborate with other physicians who are leaders in their fields; access to the latest clinical advances; a thriving research program that is helping to shape the future of medicine; our commitment to building state-of-the-art facilities; a supportive, dynamic working environment that helps physicians provide the best possible care for their patients.

Rush can offer you all of this — and more. We know that you have a choice about where to practice, whether you're just starting your medical career or planning to relocate. Choose Rush. It's how medicine should be.

