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Advancement of Medicine

In 2023, I sharpened my focus on the violence plaguing Chicago communities. My past research has shown that trauma fuels the



cycle of violence, and that the emergency department is an essential place for us to identify and address this trauma. At Rush, I have implemented Healing Hurt People at RUSH, or HHP@RUSH, modeled on a program I founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I have taken this work to the next level at Rush by implementing a unique evidence-based treatment that is offered free of charge to anyone who screens positive for exposure to community violence and has symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. I am also leading a study to demonstrate the effectiveness of the intervention. My vision for this work is to identify those who suffer from the aftermath of exposure to violence and/or survivors of violence and provide evidence-based, trauma-specific therapy and case management services to improve the health outcomes of patients in our community in partnership with community stakeholders.

As chairperson of the Department of Emergency Medicine, I am privileged to set the mission of our department in parallel with Rush's mission and I-CARE values. I have developed a Health Equity Social Emergency Medicine Fellowship to train committed physicians to be leaders in health equity. I have established a focus on faculty development and diversity in medicine. I was privileged to contribute to national thought leadership around increasing diversity in the health care workforce. My work over the past decade was acknowledged in October 2023, when I was elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine.



Research

Your generosity has supported me in pursuing the work mentioned above with HHP@RUSH while also enabling me to build a focus on health equity and social emergency medicine within the department. I recruited a faculty member specializing in health equity and social emergency medicine, who I am supporting to obtain a master's degree in public health. This faculty member will explore the social care needs associated with the emergency department to improve care for our patients.

Community Outreach

Chicago is rich in its diverse and multiethnic population, which brings the full range of human experience. I have invested in recruiting students and residents interested in emergency medicine who embody all the diversity, range of experiences and various backgrounds seen in patients.

Through my efforts, I bring people into Rush to experience our commitment to I-CARE values.

Finally, concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion, I have appointed a faculty member to spearhead our recruitment of diverse faculty with a deep interest in addressing the health needs of our West Side community. This faculty member develops programs to educate and inform our residents and professional staff about racial sensitivity, so we are prepared to interact with each other appropriately and embrace our differences. This role has also allowed us to explore the development and implementation of a Community Advisory Board for our Department of Emergency Medicine. This Advisory Board will ensure we are attentive to the expertise of community members in our research and patient care.

Grants

I led an application to Cook County for funding from the Justice Advisory Council, and my department was awarded a grant to launch HHP@ RUSH. We continue building and investing to leverage more grant/funding opportunities.



Selected Achievements

- Elected to the National Academy of Medicine, October 2023
- Invited Plenary Speaker to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
 Conference in Nashville, Tennessee
- Invited Panel Speaker to the Association of American Medical Colleges Conference in Seattle,
 Washington
- Elected to the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Foundation

The Year Ahead: 2024 and Beyond

I will focus on recruiting talented faculty to build the research portfolio in the Department of Emergency Medicine, focusing on health equity. In partnership with the RUSH BMO Institute for Health Equity, I am supporting an intensive workshop for faculty and students to learn a novel approach to health equity research that will distinguish Rush emergency medicine. I will also continue to support student experience in emergency medicine as a career.

With Gratitude

I am ever so grateful for the opportunity to serve in your name to improve health care for our patients through emergency care, research and education. It is my charge to ensure your support makes our Department of Emergency Medicine at Rush University Medical Center a jewel in the crown of health care through education, health care delivery and health equity — supporting our patients and learners as they live, grow and thrive.