

A COMMITMENT TO YOU AND YOUR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

The Fetal Cardiac Program at Rush is designed to provide you and your patients and families with a high level of service through the following:

- **Advanced diagnostic and treatment modalities:** Our team uses specialized fetal echocardiography to provide an accurate and timely diagnosis of congenital heart disease in utero.
- **High quality, compassionate care:** Consultations with our fetal cardiologists include plenty of time for patients and families to ask questions. After diagnosing a fetal cardiac condition, our experts will work with patients and families to develop an appropriate plan of care for the mother and child.
- **Combined expertise:** Our comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach includes consultations with cardiothoracic surgeons, maternal-fetal medicine specialists, neonatologists, genetic counselors and other experts.
- **Coordination of follow-up care:** Whenever necessary, we help your patients access other specialized services they may need, such as genetic counseling or an evaluation from a neonatologist. We also offer ongoing patient education and resources to families.

SEVERAL CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

Our team provides fetal cardiac consultations and services at the following sites:

Rush University Medical Center
Fetal Cardiac Program
Kellogg Pavilion
1620 W. Harrison, Suite 708
Chicago, IL 60612

Swedish Covenant Hospital
5145 N. California Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625

Presence St. Joseph Hospital - Chicago
2900 N. Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL 60657

Presence St. Joseph Hospital - Joliet
333 N. Madison St.
Joliet, IL 60435

Little Company of Mary Hospital
2800 W. 95th St.
Evergreen Park, IL 60805

TO MAKE A REFERRAL

To refer a patient to the Fetal Cardiac Program at Rush, please call (312) 942-2094. You may also fax a request for a referral to (312) 942-3193.



THE FETAL CARDIAC PROGRAM AT RUSH

- Early detection of congenital heart disease
- Advanced diagnostic and treatment modalities
- A collaborative approach to pre- and postnatal care

Improving outcomes with early diagnosis and expert management

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BETTER OUTCOMES THROUGH EARLY DETECTION

Early detection of cardiac defects and heart rhythm disturbances in utero can significantly improve a baby's health outcomes:

- It may allow physicians to treat certain diseases during pregnancy.
- It can facilitate the delivery of a healthier child.
- It can promote better care management after the child is born.

“ At Rush University Medical Center, fetal cardiologists can diagnose congenital heart disease as early as the fourth month of pregnancy. Our Fetal Cardiac Program combines the latest technology with compassionate guidance and support for patients and families. ”



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CONDITIONS REQUIRING FETAL CARDIAC EVALUATION

Maternal conditions that may require evaluation by our team include the following:

- Systemic diseases, such as lupus or diabetes
- Family history of congenital heart disease
- Intake of potentially teratogenic medications or drugs (such as seizure medications)
- Infections, such as congenital rubella
- Use of artificial reproductive technology

Fetal conditions that may require evaluation by our team include the following:

- Abnormal obstetrical ultrasound
- Fetal genetic and non-cardiac anomalies
- Suspected fetal arrhythmias
- Fetal hydrops
- Increased nuchal translucency greater than or equal to 3mm

A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Referring clinicians are integral members of our care team. Our staff makes every effort to provide you with the following:

- Consultations with our team
- Frequent updates on patients
- Timely responses to your requests

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES AND CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

The Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Center

Patients and families benefit from the Fetal Cardiac Program's close collaboration with the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Center. The center's team of experienced and compassionate health care providers can help patients coping with congenital heart disease and other fetal anomalies. The team includes specialists from the following areas:

- Maternal-fetal medicine
- Neonatology
- Nursing
- Genetic counseling
- Social work

Together, they provide coordinated care and support for high-risk patients throughout the prenatal period.

Rush Center for Congenital Heart Disease

The center is home to internationally recognized heart experts who care for fetuses, neonates, children and adults. The team includes interventional cardiologists, electrophysiologists, pediatric intensivists, heart surgeons, transplant cardiologists and echocardiographers. They collaborate to provide patients with the latest therapies, including minimally invasive procedures for many conditions.

Renée Schine Crown Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Rush is home to a brand-new, state-of-the-art level III NICU designed to provide exceptional care to the most vulnerable babies, including those with heart conditions.



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