



Midwest Orthopaedics *at* Rush

## Treating the Most Complex Cases

The Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush Limb Preservation Center is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of limb threatening orthopaedic conditions due to trauma, tumor or infection. Patients referred to the Limb Preservation Center suffer from acute diseased and injured extremities and are often at extreme risk of amputation.

The physicians of the Limb Preservation Center combine experience, skill, and the latest technological advances in limb-sparing treatment to effectively treat a wide range of conditions including: osteosarcoma and other bone cancers, non-healing fractures, acute trauma, acute and chronic infection, and deformities.

## Appointment Information

Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Office Location \_\_\_\_\_

### **RUSH University Medical Center**

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Chicago, IL 60612  
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Fax: 312.942.1517  
Orthopaedic Clinic—Suite 1063  
Hand and Shoulder Center and X-Ray—Suite 1042  
Orthopaedic Oncology Clinic—Suite 440  
Spine Center—Suite 118

### **Chicago—South Loop/River City**

800 South Wells  
Chicago, IL 60607  
Phone: 312.243.4244  
Fax: 312.427.6116  
Orthopaedic Clinic—Suite M30  
MRI—Suite M45  
Physical and Occupational Therapy—Suite 137

### **Oak Park Hospital Medical Office Building**

610 South Maple Avenue—Suite 1400  
Oak Park, IL 60304  
Phone: 312.243.4244  
Fax: 312.942.1517

### **Central DuPage Hospital Ambulatory Service Pavilion**

25 North Winfield Road—Suite 505  
Winfield, IL 60190  
Phone: 630.339.2200  
Fax: 630.682.8946

### **Prairie Medical Center of Westchester**

2450 South Wolf Road, Suite F  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Phone: 708-236-2750  
Fax: 708-562-6875

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## Highly Specialized-Limb Sparring Treatment

The Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush Limb Preservation physicians are skilled at the most advanced surgical reconstructive techniques available, including limb-sparing operations using advanced fixation techniques, human bone transplants, bone graft substitutes, bone growing proteins, free tissue transfers and soft tissue grafting.

The Limb Preservation Center is focused on a team approach to caring for patients with limbs in jeopardy and those at risk of significant functional loss. Each patient is treated through a collaborative effort from diagnosis, surgical, and rehabilitative care.



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# Limb Preservation Center

## Limb Preservation Physicians

The key to the success of our Limb Preservation Center is the training and experience of our physicians. At Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, our specialists treat more bone cancer patients than any other practice in the region. Our trauma surgeons treat the most fractures on a daily basis, including cases at the level one trauma center Stroger Cook County Hospital. This case experience, combined with extensive research, are the reasons why you can count on Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush physicians to utilize the most advanced surgical treatments available.



### Mark Cohen, M.D.

Originally from Chicago where he graduated valedictorian from Niles West High School, Dr. Cohen received his bachelor's degree from Stanford University, graduating with highest distinction and departmental honors. He then attended Harvard Medical School, where he graduated magna cum laude with honors in a special field. After serving an orthopaedic residency at the University of California, San Diego, he completed a hand, upper extremity, and microvascular fellowship at the Indiana Hand Center, one of the largest and most prestigious hand centers in the country.

Dr. Cohen is the author of more than 80 medical articles and 25 book chapters. He has participated in approximately 200 continuing education courses where he has taught other doctors,

serving as Course Chairman 22 times. For the last 15 years, he has been the Director of the Orthopaedic Hand and Elbow Section at RUSH University, and he currently serves as the Director of Orthopaedic Education in the department. He has won several research, teaching, and achievement awards and is a member of 16 national and international medical societies and associations. Dr. Cohen was again selected one of Chicago's "Top Doctors" in Hand and Orthopaedic Surgery by Chicago Magazine in 2008. He was previously honored in this fashion in 1997, 2001, 2004, and 2006—every year the "Top Doctors" edition has been published. His clinical and research interests focus on fractures and reconstruction of the hand, wrist, and elbow with a special emphasis on minimally invasive surgery. Dr. Cohen has special training and expertise in complex elbow conditions.



### John Fernandez, M.D.

Dr. Fernandez' clinical interests include hand trauma and microsurgery.

An Ohio native, Dr. Fernandez graduated magna cum laude from the University of Akron Ohio and then graduated salutatorian from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in 1990. He served his residency and internship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and his fellowship in hand and microvascular surgery at the renowned Indiana Hand Center. Dr. Fernandez is board eligible and was named a Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners in 1990.



### Steven Gitelis, M.D.

A highly regarded expert in the area of orthopaedic oncology and limb reconstruction, Dr. Gitelis currently serves as the Director of the Rush Center for Limb Preservation. His numerous appointments also include Endowed Chair, RUSH Medical College Professor of Orthopaedic Oncology and Director, Section of Orthopaedic Oncology, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center.

Dr. Gitelis has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with Rush, completing both his orthopaedic surgery residency and general surgery internship at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. His early orthopaedic oncology experience came from fellowships at the prestigious Rizzoli Institute, Bologna, Italy (under renowned Professor Mario Campanacci), and Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.



### Walter Virkus, M.D.

Originally from New Jersey, Dr. Virkus graduated cum laude from Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania. After graduating from the New Jersey Medical School, he did his orthopaedic residency at the University of Maryland. He then completed orthopaedic trauma fellowships at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Maryland, and the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. This was followed by a fellowship in orthopaedic oncology at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Dr. Virkus has a very unique practice specializing in both orthopaedic trauma and oncology. The majority of his practice is at Rush, but he also treats trauma and cancer patients at Cook County Hospital. His clinical interests are in complex limb preservation, pelvis and acetabulum surgery, and minimally invasive fracture surgery. He has authored multiple book chapters and research articles on both trauma and oncology.

Dr. Virkus provides Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush patients with highly specialized orthopaedic oncology care. His current clinical appointments include Assistant Attending Physician, Orthopaedic Surgery at RUSH University Medical Center and Senior Attending Physician, Orthopaedics, Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

## About Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush

By combining the unique skills and experience of the nation's top orthopaedic doctors, Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush physicians offer unparalleled, comprehensive orthopaedic services. We treat thousands of orthopaedic patients every year with problems ranging from those considered common to the most complex conditions due to our national referral network.

Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush's reputation as a leader in specialized orthopaedic patient care, education, and research is validated by *U.S. News & World Report's* ranking of the orthopaedic program at RUSH University Medical Center as the #6 program in the nation and the top program in Illinois. Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush physicians also serve as team physicians for the **Chicago Bulls** and the **Chicago White Sox**.