

PROFESSIONAL PROFILES 2009

## Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush — Trauma, Oncology, and Pediatric Orthopaedics

### Pediatric Orthopaedics: Monica Kogan, MD

Dr. Monica Kogan is passionate about caring for infants and children with orthopaedic and musculoskeletal problems, ranging from simple fractures to more complex issues such as clubfoot, pediatric trauma, birth defects, developmental dysplasia, neurologic dysfunction, scoliosis, and walking disorders. The goal of the pediatric orthopaedic program at Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush (MOR) is to combine research and clinical expertise to provide the highest quality, most innovative care in a family-centered way.

### Orthopaedic Oncology: Steven Gitelis, MD; Walter Virkus, MD

Dr. Steven Gitelis and Walter Virkus combine compassionate cancer care with the most advanced surgical reconstructive techniques available today. As leaders in the treatment of bone and soft tissue tumors, they treat more bone and soft tissue cancer patients than any other program in the region. They are also leaders in limb salvage, bone substitutes, and bone transplantation. Their surgical expertise involves some of the most advanced surgical reconstructive techniques available, such as limb-sparing operations using bone transplants and specialized artificial joint prostheses. These physicians are pioneers in the use of bone substitutes and self-lengthening pediatric implants that can be adjusted as the child grows without additional surgeries.

### Orthopaedic Trauma: Walter Virkus, MD

Specially trained in orthopedic trauma and fracture care, Dr. Virkus treats both non-operative and surgical trauma cases. He utilizes the most effective leading-edge techniques including minimally invasive surgery, advanced external fixation, bone graft substitutes, and bone forming proteins. Dr. Virkus has the experience and expertise to treat complex and urgent injuries including acute fractures, post-traumatic deformities, non-unions, bone infections, and injuries of the pelvis and acetabulum. Dr. Virkus also performs pelvic osteotomies and femoral head osteoplasties for dysplasia and hip impingement. Trauma patients can typically be seen within 24 hours and/or quickly arrange hospital to hospital transfers.

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**From left:** Monica Kogan, MD; (holding an ilizarov or a “spatial frame” - a device used for limb lengthenings and deformity corrections) Walter Virkus, MD; Steven Gitelis, MD (holding a cancer knee prosthesis or “repiphysis” - used only in growing children).