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## LEADERS IN HEALTH CARE

### Meet the Notable Leaders in Health Care for 2026

Leaders in Healthcare are group spans hospital and clinic executives, clinicians, researchers, nonprofit heads, innovators, insurers and advisers shaping care delivery and policy. Their work ranges from expanding community-based services and strengthening safety, quality and data systems, to building mental health capacity, advancing pediatric and specialty care, improving value-based contracting and training the next generation of providers. Together, these honorees illustrate how Chicago-area institutions are adapting, partnering and investing to improve outcomes for patients and communities.



### **Dr. Brian J. Cole**

Managing Partner

Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush

**Scope of work:** Cole oversees a \$200 million budget, 11 affiliated ambulatory surgery centers, seven clinics, 19 PT/OT clinics, more than 100 providers.

**Biggest professional win:** In 2022, he co-led the aggregation of Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush and OrthoIllinois, creating OrthoMidwest. Practice growth increased from 3% to 4% to more than 10% compounded annually.

**Other contributions:** Cole is president of the NBA Team Physician Association; is team physician for the Bulls, White Sox and Stars; and is a member of the Economic Club.