



**WELCOME TO (INSERT HOSPITAL
NAME HERE).
I'M DOCTOR (INSERT NAME).
I'LL BE YOUR HOSPITALIST.**

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WHAT IS A HOSPITALIST?



When you or a loved one is hospitalized, you want to know you will receive the best care possible. **Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in the care of hospitalized patients.** Hospitalists continually see patients throughout the day, sometimes several times a day, to ensure their patients receive appropriate care. Hospitalists work as part of a team of physicians to coordinate your care, working directly with your primary care physician as well as any specialists involved in your care. Hospitalists also work with you to make sure you have clear instructions when you are ready to leave the hospital.



WHY IS A HOSPITALIST TREATING ME?

There will be times when primary care physicians are unable to see patients in both the clinic and the hospital at the same time, so they enlist hospitalists in their care team to help care for their patients when they are hospitalized. Since hospitalists work only in the hospital, they are readily available to closely monitor and adjust treatment and address any issues that may arise in a timely manner.

Medical research has shown that hospitalists can help increase the quality of your care in the hospital and reduce the time that you have to spend in the hospital.

Here's how your hospitalists can help:

- Prompt and complete attention to all of your care needs
- Leading your care “team” of surgeons, nurses and other specialists in the hospital
- Using the most up-to-date practices to ensure your care is as safe and efficient as possible
- At the end of your stay, helping you transition to the most appropriate care with clear instructions

HOW WILL MY HOSPITALIST COMMUNICATE WITH MY PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN?

Hospitalists will be in communication with your primary care physician during your stay in the hospital. Your physician will receive a summary of your stay, including discharge instructions, medications that have been prescribed or ordered and recommended follow-up visits and treatments.



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The Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) is the largest organization in the nation representing hospitalists and the practice of hospital medicine. It is the mission of SHM to promote the highest quality care for hospitalized patients. SHM is committed to enhancing the practice of hospital medicine by promoting education, research and advocacy for its 10,000 members with more than an estimated 30,000 in the hospitalist profession.

Members of Your Hospitalist Team:

To Contact Your Hospitalist: