

Hospitalist Program

*Physicians who specialize in your
hospital care. Available every day.*



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What is a Hospitalist?

Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in the care of hospitalized patients. Beloit Memorial Hospitalists are board-certified internal medicine or Family Practice physicians.

Why is a Hospitalist caring for me?

One of our qualified Hospitalists will be in charge of your care during your hospital stay. In this way you have the benefit of being seen by a doctor who is entirely focused on the care of hospitalized patients. If you are in the hospital for many days, you may see more than one hospitalist. Additionally, this can enable your primary care doctor to be more available to you in the office, rather than trying to go back and forth between seeing patients in the office and in the hospital.

How does the Hospitalist care work?

The Hospitalist team will be in charge of your care and will see you every day to direct your treatment while you are in the hospital. This doctor is available to you and your family to answer questions and discuss your care. The Hospitalist works at the hospital full-time to provide for your care and attend to any emergencies that may arise. They may consult other doctors to participate in your care as well.

The Hospitalist will make arrangements for any prescriptions you may need when you are discharged. You may be asked to make an appointment with your primary care doctor, or other doctors, soon after discharge.

The Hospitalist will partner with your primary care physician who will continue to provide care after your discharge. You may contact the Hospitalist after discharge if you have any questions about your hospital stay.

What is the relationship between the Hospitalist and my primary care physician?

The two doctors work together in partnership. Your primary care physician will provide information about your past health history to the Hospitalist, and the two doctors will discuss any significant findings or events. At the time of your admission and discharge, the Hospitalist prepares a detailed report of findings and treatment plans that is sent to your primary care physician.

Your primary care physician asks the Hospitalist to be in charge of your care while you are in the hospital, but is welcome to check on you and discuss your care with the Hospitalist any time during your hospital stay. When you are discharged, you will return to the care of your primary care doctor.

What if I need another specialist while in the hospital?

If the Hospitalist believes you should see a specialist they can arrange for this as necessary. If you have already been seeing other doctors elsewhere, be sure to let us know so that we can keep them informed about your hospital stay.

What if I don't have a regular primary care physician?

The Hospitalist or other hospital staff can assist in finding a physician for you. Records from your hospital stay can be sent to this physician.

If you would like to speak with one of the Hospitalists while you or a member of your family is in the hospital, it is best to ask the nurse caring for you to page the doctor. Otherwise, you can reach us at (608) 364-5011.