# MEET ALBANY MEMORIAL'S HOSPITALIST TEAM



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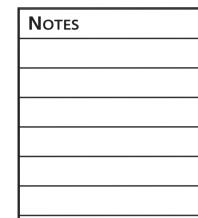
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If you are admitted as a patient to Albany Memorial Hospital, you may be cared for by one or more hospitalists during your stay. This information is designed to introduce you to our Hospitalist Program.

## What is a Hospitalist?

- A hospitalist is a physician who specializes in caring for patients while they are in the hospital. The hospitalists at Albany Memorial are board-certified or board-eligible in internal medicine, family medicine and/or other specialties. Hospitalists do not see patients outside the hospital.
- While in the hospital, the hospitalist will supervise your care.
  Depending on the length of your stay, you may see more than one hospitalist.

### What are the Benefits of Being Cared For by a Hospitalist?

- Hospitalists work only in the hospital and are available, on-site, 24-hours-a-day.
- We are easily accessible in emergencies and when questions or concerns arise.
- Hospitalists are very familiar with the hospital procedures and processes at Albany Memorial. This allows us to efficiently order tests, consult other specialists and adjust treatments.
- Every effort is made to have the same hospitalist care for you throughout your stay. However, we work as a team to communicate important information about your care to smoothly transition your care when necessary.

#### How Does the Hospitalist Work with My Doctor?

- The hospitalist and primary care physician will communicate as needed throughout your hospital stay. Be sure to ask your doctor about your planned discharge date.
- The hospitalist will ensure a smooth transition back to your primary care physician once you leave the hospital.
- If you do not have a primary care physician, the hospitalist will help refer you to one when you leave the hospital.

# When Will I See My Primary Care Physician?

Your primary care physician may visit you while you are in the hospital. However, it is more common that you will see your doctor after you are discharged from the hospital.

# What Happens If My Loved One Has Questions or Concerns About My Care?

- At your request, hospitalists can discuss your care with a family member or significant other. We strive to communicate with you and your loved ones in easily understood terms so that you can be an active participant in all of your health care decisions.
- It is important to speak to your hospitalist or nurse regarding any concerns you may have. You may also wish to arrange for a specific time for your hospitalists to meet with you and your other family members.

#### For More Information

If you have any additional questions about the hospitalist service or need more information, ask your nurse to contact the hospitalist on call.



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