

WHAT IS A HOSPITALIST?

A hospitalist is a physician who specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. Hospitalists are trained in general internal medicine and other medical specialties. Because hospitalists do not maintain outside clinics, they can focus attention exclusively on your medical care inside the hospital. The hospitalist maintains ongoing communication with your regular physician throughout your treatment as needed. And, when you are discharged, the hospitalist transfers your care back to your primary care doctor or other caregiver.

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. 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.

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. The Hospitalist will make arrangements for any prescriptions you may need when you are discharged. You will follow up with your primary care physician who will continue to provide care after your discharge.

The Hospitalist team for Taylor Regional and Bleckley Memorial Hospitals take great pride in not only providing superior care, but also in taking the time to treat patients in the same manner they would expect for their own family members. The team considers communication with patients, families, and primary care providers to be of the utmost importance.

The Hospitalist team consists of Dr. Rick Oster who is the Medical Director for the program and is Board Certified in Internal Medicine with focused practice in Hospital Medicine. Dr.'s Paul Mathieu and Nicola Revills are Board Certified in Family Medicine and both have completed Geriatric fellowships. Dr. Brandi Wynne is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and also specializes in Nephrology.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Rick Oster, Dr. Paul Mathieu, Dr. Nicola Revills, and Dr. Brandi Wynne.