

# Understanding Hospitalist Care

## What is a Hospitalist?

Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in managing the care of patients while they are in the hospital. If your doctor chooses to use the resources of the Hospitalist Program at Windham Hospital, the Hospitalist will coordinate consultations, order tests and procedures, and personally provide the patient with a consistently high level of care throughout the hospital stay.



## How does the Hospitalist know about me?

When you are admitted to Windham Hospital—either through the Emergency Department or by referral from your primary care physician—the Hospitalist will coordinate your plan of care and keep your primary caregiver informed of your condition. This process is similar to what your physician does when he or she refers you to a specialist for another opinion or for additional tests and treatment.


The Hospitalist and your doctor may talk more extensively regarding your treatment. At discharge, the Hospitalist will communicate with your doctor to discuss your additional treatment needs, help arrange follow-up care and prescribe the necessary medications. The Hospitalist will also send your hospital records to your primary care physician.

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**Our Hospitalists are all board-certified physicians.**


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## Hospitalists provide many benefits to you and your doctor.

 **Hospitalists keep a close eye on you.** Your Hospitalist works only in the hospital, seeing you as often as necessary to provide you with the best care, and can arrange for immediate tests and assessments. Your Hospitalist knows every specialist and department in the hospital.

Hospitalists assist you through a smooth and speedy recovery process by following up on tests and adjusting your treatment regimen based on those test results.

 **Hospitalists answer your questions.** Hospitalists are here to provide answers in person whenever possible. During those critical or stressful moments, they provide honest and considerate answers to your questions, and with your permission, give information to your family.

 **For patients and physicians, working with a Hospitalist team is a win-win proposition.** Using a Hospitalist team enables your primary care physician to be available to you in the office, while the Hospitalist remains available to care for you when you are at your sickest. With a physician who practices exclusively in the hospital, it is easier for you and your family to conveniently communicate about your illness.

## Who are the Windham Hospitalists?

*The Hospitalists at Windham are from Arbor Inpatient Physicians (AIP), a group of doctors and administrators dedicated to providing quality Hospitalist services at several healthcare facilities in the Northeast, including Windham Hospital.*



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