



Program Facts for Physicians: The Hospital Medicine Service

The Hospital Medicine Service at New York Hospital Queens (NYHQ) is designed to assist community-based primary care physicians with a combination of total inpatient care management and a higher level of service, care and coordinated communication. Currently, our growing team includes 14 internal medicine physicians. Hospitalists, as these inpatient care specialists are known, are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on a rotating basis, for medical consultation. These physicians work exclusively in the hospital and have *no* private practice activity. All patients are returned to the referring physician's practice after discharge.

Hospital Medicine Program Mission Statement: to provide excellent patient care and seamless communication for our community physicians. Our growing and dynamic hospitalist group strives to give the highest quality of compassionate care to our patients in collaboration with primary care doctors and consultants. Our patient care model serves as a valuable teaching activity for our internal medicine residents and students.

USING THE SERVICE

A community-based physician can take advantage of the program by either writing a prescription that states his/her patient is to be admitted to the Hospitalist service or by calling **1-800-253-6076** at any time, including holidays.

Within 24 hours of admission, the assigned Hospitalist physician caring for your patient will give you an update. During your patient's hospitalization, the Hospitalist team can keep you apprised of your patient's condition. And, you can contact the Hospitalist at any time during your patient's stay.

When your patient is ready for discharge, the Hospitalist will provide the patient and/or family with a complete set of discharge instructions, including how/when to follow up with your practice. Communication between a Hospitalist and your patient and his/her family emphasizes that when the patient is discharged, they are expected to return to your care. You will receive a discharge summary that includes the patient's course of treatment, test results, a discharge medication list, and recommendations for a post discharge visit with you.

Insurances Accepted

The Hospital Medicine Service accepts almost all insurances, including Medicaid. The service is part of the hospital's inpatient care; therefore the billing is part of the hospital bill.

HOSPITAL MEDICINE SERVICE: 1-800-253-6076

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