Hospitalist Program

Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in the care of patients while they are in the hospital

The hospitalist’s role in your care

You may be seen by a hospitalist physician if:
- You are referred through an arrangement with your primary care physician
- You have been or are being transferred from another facility
- You were in the Emergency Department and need to be admitted to the hospital, but you do not have a primary care physician or your physician does not admit patients to St. Mary’s

Your hospitalist physician:
- May consult with specialists and/or your primary care physician to closely monitor your progress, respond to changes in your condition, interpret test results and adjust your treatment
- Is your advocate throughout your stay
- Will manage your healthcare plan and prepare for your discharge

Pediatric hospitalists

- Care for newborn infants after delivery
- Are board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, and have experience in both areas
- Care for children on the pediatric unit
- Share information with the child’s physician
- Work with child’s physician on post-discharge care

Observation service

Your physician may order “observation service” to help determine whether you need to be admitted to the hospital as an inpatient or can be discharged. During observation, you are considered an outpatient until the physician determines whether you need further inpatient services.

St. Mary’s hospitalist team includes:
- Board-certified physicians who specialize in the care of patients who are hospitalized
- Certified physician assistants
- Certified nurse practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Case managers

Our hospitalist physicians:
- Have specialized experience in hospital medicine
- Are in charge of your care in the hospital
- Have extensive knowledge of the technology and resources available at St. Mary’s

During and after discharge

- Your hospitalist physician will communicate important information to your primary care physician
- You will be given written discharge instructions that include any follow-up appointments made with your primary care physician and other physician specialists, along with recommended outpatient testing, unless you are discharged on the evening or weekend when offices are closed.
- It is important that you follow these instructions and keep all follow-up appointments.
- If you do not have a primary care physician, you will have an opportunity to choose one
- Plan to see your primary care physician within one to two weeks after discharge.
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