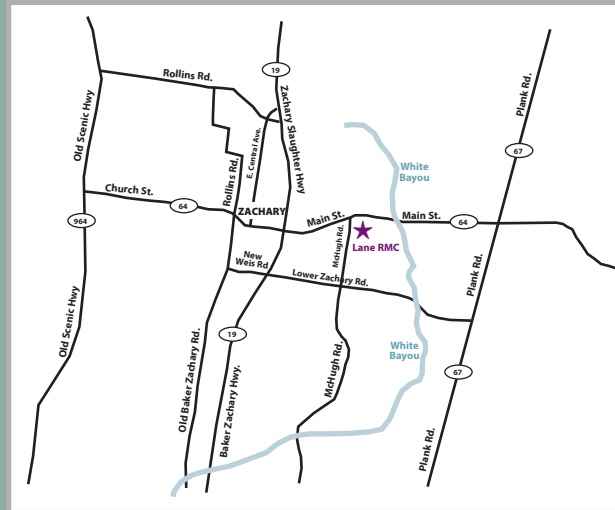


What if I have More Questions?

TO SPEAK TO YOUR HOSPITALIST, please ask your nurse to make the call.

Will I Receive a Separate Bill for Hospitalist Services?

Yes, the billing process is similar to being billed by your primary care physician or other medical specialists for a hospital visit.



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If you are admitted as a patient to Lane Regional Medical Center, you may be cared for by one or more hospital medicine physicians during your stay.

What is a Hospitalist?

A hospitalist is a physician who specializes in caring for patients while they are in the hospital. The hospitalists at Lane are board certified in internal medicine, family practice or other specialties. Since hospitalists do not see patients outside of the hospital, they are able to give their complete attention to their patients.

Who is on the Hospitalist Team?

In addition to physicians, the hospitalist team includes physician assistants (PAs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).



How Does the Hospitalist Know About Me?

While you are a patient at Lane Regional Medical Center, your hospitalist will talk with your primary care physician on a frequent basis. Here's how it works:

WHEN YOU ARE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL, your primary care physician will call the hospitalist to inform him or her of your condition, then send over records to the hospital as needed for your illness or condition. This process is similar to what a physician does when referring you to a specialist.

WHILE YOUR ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, your hospitalist will supervise your care and may talk further with your primary care physician about your care.

WHEN YOU ARE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL, your hospitalist will get in touch with your primary care physician to discuss further treatment needs, help arrange follow-up care, prescribe the necessary medications and send your hospital record back to your primary care physician.

When will I see my Primary Care Physician?

ONCE BACK HOME, you will go back to your regular primary care physician for continuing treatment and care. If you do not have a primary care doctor, your hospitalist will refer you to one.

How does the Hospitalist Benefit Me?

HOSPITALISTS KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOU. Hospitalists work only in the hospital and are usually available, on-site, from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. Because the hospital is their "office", he or she is never far away and can see you more than once a day, especially in emergencies or when questions/concerns arise.

HOSPITALISTS CAN ANSWER YOUR FAMILY'S QUESTIONS. Hospitalists are here to provide answers – in person – whenever possible. Since they are in the hospital all day, your hospitalist is able to spend more time talking to you and your family about your care.

HOSPITALISTS KNOW THE HOSPITAL INSIDE AND OUT. Hospitalists are very familiar with the procedures and processes at Lane. This allows them to be more efficient when ordering tests and consulting with other specialists to adjust treatments.

HOSPITALISTS AND PRIMARY CARE DOCTORS WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE BETTER PATIENT CARE. Working with a hospitalist is a win-win. Your primary care physician can devote time to keeping patients healthy in the office environment, while your hospitalist can devote time to caring for you while in the hospital.