Hospitalists provide many benefits to you and your primary care provider.

Because Hospitalists are in the hospital during the day, your primary care provider is available to you in the office, rather than traveling back and forth between the office and hospital.

Your Hospitalist team is always available for emergencies and for your questions and concerns. Your Hospitalist has working relationships with all medical specialists in the hospital, as well as many in the New Haven community. Hospitalists assist you through a smooth and speedy recovery process by following up on tests and changing your treatment plan throughout the day based on those test results.

Hospitalists are here to provide the answers in person whenever possible. The Hospitalist Service provides 24 hour coverage with both daytime and night-time physicians. Since Hospitalists are in the hospital all day and night, they are able to spend more time talking to you and your family about your care.

By concentrating and specializing in hospital-based medicine, Hospitalists are very good at taking care of hospitalized patients.
What is a Hospitalist?
You have been admitted under the care of the Hospitalist Service. A Hospitalist is an attending physician whose entire attention is focused on caring for patients while they are in the hospital; they are not primary care providers and do not see patients outside of the hospital. Each patient admitted to the Hospitalist Service is cared for by a Hospitalist physician and a physician assistant (PA) or nurse practitioner (NP). You may also be cared for by resident physicians under the supervision of a Hospitalist physician. The Hospitalist Service provides on-site, 24 hour inpatient care at Yale-New Haven Hospital. We are committed to the goals of the highest quality inpatient care and exceptional patient education. We also strive for the highest patient satisfaction.

Why is a Hospitalist caring for me?
The Hospitalist Service at Yale-New Haven Hospital is an extension of primary care practices from surrounding communities. Similar to many medical centers across the country, we have established agreements with many community physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to care for their patients when admitted to Yale-New Haven Hospital. If you do not have a primary care provider, you may have been referred by the Yale-New Haven Hospital Emergency Medicine physicians or by an outside facility.

How does the Hospitalist Service work?
Hospitalists and PAs/NPs will function as your primary care team during your stay at the hospital. Your Hospitalist will be in charge of your care and your PA/NP will coordinate your care. Your team will see you multiple times each day while you are in the hospital and is available at any time to you and your family to answer questions and discuss your care. Your team may consult other specialist physicians and work with other health care professionals, including nurses, social workers and care coordinators.

What is the relationship between the Hospitalist and my primary care provider?
The two work together. Your primary care provider 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 anytime during
your hospital stay. Hospitalists talk to your primary care provider on a frequent basis. At the time of your admission to the hospital, your Hospitalist calls your primary care provider to inform him/her that you were admitted and to obtain information on your condition and past medical history. Your Hospitalist will also call your primary care provider to discuss any significant findings or events. At discharge, your Hospitalist will communicate with your primary care provider to discuss further treatment needs, help arrange follow-up and prescribe the necessary medications. In addition, your primary care provider will receive important information about your hospital diagnosis and treatment in the form of a written discharge summary. The report will be sent soon after you are discharged from the hospital.

**What happens when I am discharged from the hospital?**

When you are discharged, you will return to the care of your primary care provider. Since Hospitalists do not have an outpatient practice, you will not have an appointment to see the Hospitalist again after discharge. It is important that you follow through with your discharge instructions, including making the necessary office appointments with your primary care provider. Your Hospitalist will make arrangements for any prescriptions you may need when you are discharged. **Please contact your primary care provider to refill your prescriptions.** You may contact your Hospitalist after discharge if you have any questions about the hospital stay.

If you do not have a primary care provider, we will refer you to one in the community for follow-up care. Records from your hospital stay can be sent to this provider.

**Hospitalist Mission Statement**

The Hospitalist Service at YNHH is dedicated to providing the highest quality inpatient care. We aim to give superior and compassionate care by collaborating seamlessly with patients, families, primary care providers, specialists and support staff; by fostering education in the field of hospital medicine; and by researching methods for improving the quality of inpatient care.
Daytime Physicians

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**MD:** Ross University School of Medicine, 2002  
**Residency:** University of Connecticut Health Center, 2005

Sarah Apgar, MD  
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**Residency:** Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2008

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**MD:** Indiana University, 2007  
**Residency:** Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2010; Chief Resident

Arina Cadariu, MD  
**MD:** University of Freiburg Albert Ludwig School of Medicine, 1994  
**Residency:** Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine, 1997; Chief Resident  
**Fellowship:** General Internal Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2000; Acupuncture, Harvard Medical School, 2008

Kerstin Calia, MD  
**MD:** Vanderbilt University, 1989  
**Residency:** Vanderbilt University Hospital, 1992  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Disease, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School, 1996

Christine Chen, MD  
**MD:** Duke University Medical School, 1997  
**Residency:** Duke University, 2001

Lara Colabelli, DO  
**MD:** University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2004  
**Residency:** University of Connecticut Health Center, 2007; Chief Resident

Ohm Deshpande, MD  
**MD:** Weill Cornell Medical College, 2008  
**Residency:** Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2011

Robert Fogerty, MD, MPH  
**MD:** Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, 2008  
**Residency:** Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2011

Catherine Giordano, MD  
**MD:** University of Florida School of Medicine, 1987  
**Residency:** Loyola University, 1991

Ashley Hammerbeck, MD  
**MD:** University of Louisville School of Medicine, 2007  
**Residency:** University of Louisville, 2010

Kusuma Hampapur, MD  
**MD:** University of Mysore, India, 1990  
**Residency:** Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2004

O. Temitope Imevbore, MD  
**MD:** Obafemi Awolowo University College of Health Sciences, 1995  
**Residency:** Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2004

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Peter Jenei, MD  
**MD:** Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, 2002  
**Residency:** Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2005  

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**MD:** Dartmouth Medical School, 1992  
**Residency:** University of Florida, 1998  
**Fellowship:** Nephrology, Medical University of South Carolina, 2001

Sandhya Kanade, MD  
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**Residency:** Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2006; Chief Resident

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**Primary Care Internal Medicine, 2005; Chief Resident**

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**Residency:** Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine, 2000; Chief Resident  
**Fellowship:** Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, Yale University School of Medicine, 2004

Armen Margaryan, MD  
**MD:** Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia, 1998  
**Residency:** Albert Einstein School of Medicine/Long Island Jewish Medical Center, 2008  
**Fellowship:** Nephrology, Yale University School of Medicine, 2010

Jensa Morris, MD  
**MD:** Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 1999  
**Residency:** Brigham and Women’s Hospital, 2002

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**MD:** Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, 2004  
**Residency:** Harvard/Brigham and Women’s Hospital, 2009

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**Residency:** University of California Davis Medical Center, 2005

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**MD:** Brown University School of Medicine, 2001  
**Residency:** Lawrence General Hospital, Tufts University, 2004  
**Fellowship:** Hospital Medicine, Regions Hospital, 2007
Jose Salvana, MD  
**MD:** University of the Philippines, 1995  
**Residency:** University of Connecticut Health Center, 1999  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Disease, University of Connecticut, 2001

Christopher Sankey, MD  
**MD:** The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2002  
**Residency:** Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2005; Chief Resident

Joseph Sokhn, MD  
**MD:** Lebanese University, Lebanon, 2004  
**Residency:** Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2009

Scott Sussman, MD  
**MD:** Jefferson Medical College, 2006  
**Residency:** Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, 2009

Gian Varbaro, MD  
**MD:** New York University School of Medicine, 2000  
**Residency:** Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, 2003

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**MD:** Armed Forces Medical College, 1998  
**Residency:** Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, 2003

Le Quynh Vo, MD  
**MD:** University of Texas Medical School, 2005  
**Residency:** University of Texas Medical Branch, 2009

Krystn Wagner, MD  
**MD:** Yale University School of Medicine, 1996  
**Residency:** Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1999  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins Hospital, 2002

Michael Yoo, MD  
**MD:** Emory University School of Medicine, 2007  
**Residency:** Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2011
Night-Time Physicians

Olukemi Akande, MD
MD: University of Ibadan, College of Medicine, 1999
Residency: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, McKeesport, 2007

Sara Alavi, MD
MD: University of Connecticut School of Medicine, 2005
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2008

Francis Amoo, MD
MD: University of Ghana Medical School, 2004
Residency: Saint Vincent’s Medical Center, 2010

Senai Asefaw, MD
MD: Yale University School of Medicine, 1999
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2002

Freda Boateng, MD
MD: University of Ghana Medical School, 2002
Residency: Bridgeport Hospital, 2008

Maribel Cabrera Martinez, MD
MD: La Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra,
2005 Residency: Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2011

Leonard Calo, MD
MD: University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, 2004
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2007

Zeeshan Chauhan, MD
MD: King Edward Medical College, 2004
Residency: Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, 2011

Tracy-Ann Clarke, MD
MD: Temple University School of Medicine, 2000
Residency: Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine, 2003

Richard DeSouza, MD
MD: University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2007
Residency: Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, 2010

Paul Dieffenbach, MD
MD: Harvard Medical School, 2008
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2011

Christopher Erb, MD, PhD
MD: University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, 2008
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2011

Daphne Evans, MD
MD: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, 2002
Residency: Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine, 2005

Edward Francois, MD
MD: New York University School of Medicine, 2000
Residency: Baylor College of Medicine/Baylor Affiliated Hospitals, 2004
Kakra Gyambibi, MD, MPH
MD: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 2008
Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, 2011

Nicole Hanley-Williams, MD
MD: Boston University School of Medicine, 2008
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2011

Ajay Kota, MD
MD: Christian Medical College, India, 2000
Residency: Mountainside Hospital, 2009

Esther Lu, MD
MD: Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 2003
Residency: Baystate Medical Center, 2007

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MD: Medical College of Pennsylvania-Hahnemann School of Medicine, 2001
Residency: The Mount Sinai Hospital, 2005

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MD: Moscow State University of Medicine and Dentistry, 1998
Residency: Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2011

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Moscow State University of Medicine and Dentistry, 1998
Residency: Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2011

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Residency: Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2008

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Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2006

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Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2011

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MD: Temple University School of Medicine, 2007
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2010

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Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2000

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Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2005

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Residency: University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital, 2007

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Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2003
Fellowship: General Internal Medicine, Brigham & Women’s Hospital, 2005

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MD: Howard University College of Medicine, 2002
Residency: Norwalk Hospital, 2005

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MD: Medical College of Georgia, 2006 Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2010

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MD: Yale University School of Medicine, 2007
Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital, 2010

Benjamin Yeboah, MD
MD: University of Ghana Medical School, 2001
Residency: Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2009 Fellowship: Geriatric Medicine, Hospital of Saint Raphael, 2010

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Quinnipiac University, Master of Health Science, 2008

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Albany Medical College, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, 2008

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Emory University School of Medicine, Master of Medical Science, 1994

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Nova Southeastern University, Master of Medical Science, 2010

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University of Connecticut, Master of Science, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, 2007

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Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Master of Medical Science, 2008

Randall Johnson, PA-C  
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, 2007

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Midwestern University, Master of Medical Science of Physician Assistant Studies, 2009

Joann LaCerva, PA-C  
Springfield College, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, 2008

Irene Haight, APRN  
Sacred Heart University, Master of Science, Family Nurse Practitioner, 2006

Sean Lynch, PA-C  
Yale University School of Medicine, Master of Medical Science, 2011

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Yale University School of Medicine, Master of Medical Science, 2008

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Quinnipiac University, Master of Health Science, 2009

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University of Oklahoma Master of Health Science, 2010

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Quinnipiac University, Master of Health Science, 1999

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Quinnipiac University, Master of Health Science, 2004

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Albany Medical College, Physician Associate Certificate, 1999

Shilpa Mistry, PA-C  
Quinnipiac University, Master of Health Science, 2005

Andrea Jacobs-Stannard, MPH, PA-C  
Yale University School of Medicine, Master of Medical Science, 2004

Peter Ouellette, APRN  
University of Connecticut, Master of Science, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, 2008
Janille Shepherd-Hall, PA-C
Lock Haven University, Master of Health Science, 2007

Stacy Spencer, PA-C
Duke University, Master of Health Science, 2009

Elizabeth Watson, PA-C
Quinnipiac University, Master of Health Science, 2009

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Quinnipiac University, Master of Health Science, 2004

Jara Prather, PA-C
Yale University School of Medicine, Master of Medical Science, 2007

Sheyla Santana-Marranca, PA-C
Kings College, Master of Science, Physician Assistant Studies, 2007

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Catherine Arnold, MD
Guilford Internal Medicine Group

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Internal Medicine of Clinton

Kevin Baran, MD
Fair Haven Community Health Center

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Clarice Begemann, APRN
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The Jewish Home

Steven J. Blander, MD

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Richard Breier, MD

Laurie Bridger, MD
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Jyoji Bristol, MD

Karen Brown, MD
Whitney Internal Medicine

Anne Camp, MD
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Sunita Chhabra, MD
Village Medical Associates

Paul K. Clarke, MD

Florence Comite, MD
Yale School of Medicine

Holly Craig, MD
Whitney Internal Medicine

William Crede, MD
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Fair Haven Community Health Center

David J. Eilbott, MD
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Jon Fessel, MD
Emily Nolfo, M.D., LLC

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Southern CT Internal Medicine

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Guilford Internal Medicine Group

Gidon Goldenberg, MD
Medical Associates of North Haven

Xiao Ming Hong, MD
Village Medical Associates

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Quinnipiac Medical Group of Branford, LLC

Lee Jung, MD
Southern Connecticut Internal Medicine

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Georgia Kelley, MD
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If you wish to speak with your Hospitalist or PA/NP at any time while you or a family member are in the hospital, please ask your nurse to page them. Otherwise, you can reach us at:

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If you are dissatisfied with any part of your hospital stay, please contact Patient Relations at (203) 688-3430.

After you are discharged, you may receive a patient satisfaction survey from Press Ganey, the vendor that compiles patient satisfaction information for our hospital. We encourage you to please complete and return the survey, so that we may continue to improve our services based on your feedback.