

Twenty-Four Hours,  
Seven Days a Week, We  
Are Here to Care for You.

**On-site care.** Since they are hospital-based and provide 24/7 coverage, hospitalists rapidly coordinate your care and respond quickly to any changes in your condition.

**Shorter hospital stays.** Patients cared for by hospitalists usually have shorter hospital stays and are just as satisfied with their care.

**Access to hospitalists.** You and your family have the opportunity for more frequent one-on-one contact with the hospitalist, ensuring that your questions are promptly answered.

#### **A note about our Intensivists**

Patients in our Intensive Care Unit may be cared for by an intensivist. Intensivists are specially trained physicians who make recommendations regarding care issues for patients in the IC. Board-certified or board-prepared in critical care medicine, they are on site in the ICU and can be reached by an ICU nurse at any time of the day or night.

## To Contact a Hospitalist

If you or your family have questions regarding hospital care or treatment and would like to contact a hospitalist, please contact the main telephone number for the hospital:

### **Saint Anne's Hospital**

508-674-5600

795 Middle Street

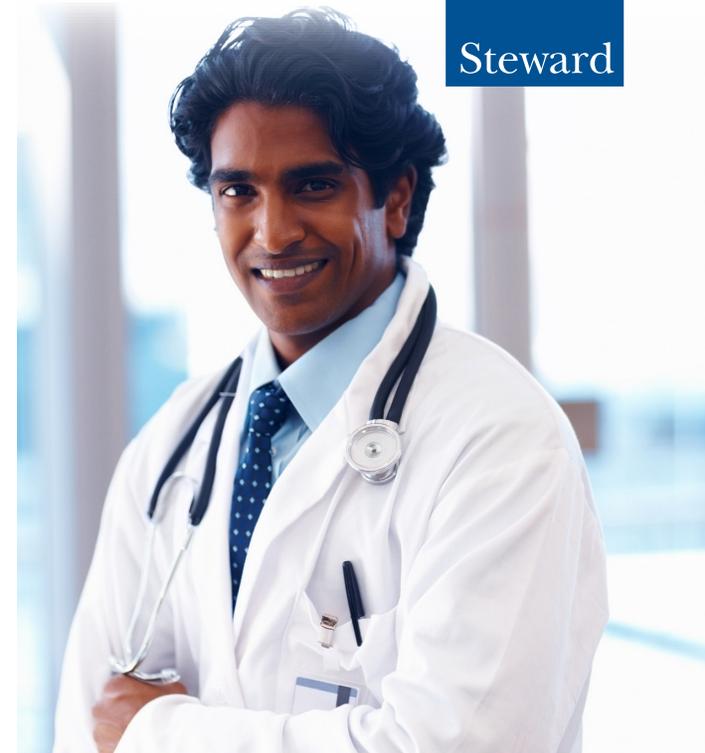
Fall River, MA 02721

DoctorFinder - 1-800-488-5959

# Saint Anne's Hospital

STEWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL

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## Hospitalist Service

A hospitalist is a hospital-based general physician. Hospitalists assume the care of hospitalized patients in the place of patients' primary care physicians.

[www.SaintAnnesHospital.org](http://www.SaintAnnesHospital.org)

## Who is a Hospitalist?

Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in the care of hospitalized patients. They spend the majority of their time exclusively treating patients in the hospital.

During practice hours, your primary care physician (PCP) may have a full patient schedule. Knowing that your immediate and consistent care is important, he or she may designate your inpatient care to a hospitalist.

The hospitalist is responsible for your care and treatment during your hospital stay and will answer your questions, assign follow-up care instructions, and communicate with your primary care physician. Upon discharge, the management of your care returns to your primary care physician.

## Partnering with Your Doctor

The hospitalist will partner with your primary care physician during your inpatient stay. The hospitalist may consult regularly with your primary care physician on your treatment, care and progress. Your PCP may also share his or her knowledge of your case history with the hospitalist in order to provide you with the best care possible.

At Saint Anne's Hospital, our hospitalists offer compassionate, attentive and timely care. Whether you have a question, or need urgent medical attention, the hospitalist is available. Since these physicians are hospital-based, they do not have office hours and therefore are devoted to the care of patients who have been admitted to the hospital.

## What Happens Upon Discharge?

When you are discharged, your hospitalist will communicate all ongoing treatment needs to your primary care physician. All hospitals within the Caritas Christi Health Care system use an electronic medical record which allows your primary care physician on our medical staff to instantly access your inpatient medical records. Your primary care physician can review your labs, X-rays, CT scans and even your hospital records directly from their office.

## What is Our Training?

Hospitalists are board-certified/eligible in either Internal Medicine or Family Medicine, are highly qualified, and are considered experts in hospital-based patient care.



You may see a nurse practitioner or physician assistant, who are members of our hospitalist service, during your stay.

The nurse practitioner is a registered nurse who has completed specific advanced nursing education and training in the diagnosis and management of common, as well as some complex, medical conditions. A nurse practitioner always works with his or her supervising hospitalist.

A physician assistant is a health care professional licensed to practice medicine with supervision of a physician. A physician assistant always works with his or her supervising hospitalist.

***“Patient satisfaction is higher at facilities with hospitalists.”***

2008 national survey of 2.6 million patients by Press Ganey Associates