

What can you expect from your hospitalist?

After being admitted to Straub, you will be partnered with a hospitalist physician. He or she will check on you each morning and establish a plan of care for that day. This is a good time to ask any questions you may have. If you need to get in touch with the hospitalist on duty, you can ask the nurse or hospital operator to page him or her for you. At night, a hospitalist is on call in the hospital to care for any urgent issues you may have. Each hospitalist is paired with a case manager. As a team, they work closely together to make sure your discharge is well coordinated. This makes for a smoother transition to home life and increases your continuity of care after discharge.



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A HOSPITALIST PHYSICIAN specializes in caring for hospitalized patients. They practice general, internal or family medicine and usually don't provide outpatient care in a clinic or office.



- ▶ **Hospitalists can reduce the number of days you spend in the hospital and improve your medical outcome.** Studies have consistently shown that hospitalists can decrease their patients' length of stay in the hospital without compromising their health. Also, patients can have better medical outcomes, compared with patients not cared for by a hospitalist. This means less days in the hospital, better results, and a quicker return to your regular lifestyle. *(Always follow up with your primary care physician after you leave the hospital.)*

What role do Hospitalists play?

During your stay at Straub Clinic & Hospital, the hospitalist physician will be your attending physician. Your hospitalist will partner with your primary care physician (PCP); will update your PCP on your progress and when you're discharged; and will coordinate and work closely with all specialists, consulting physicians, case managers, social workers and other medical professionals who are involved in your care.

Straub's Hospitalists are dedicated to providing our patients with outstanding medical care.

HealthGrades 2011 Outstanding Patient Experience Award



What are the benefits?

- ▶ **Hospitalist physicians can provide better inpatient care.** Hospitalists work only in the hospital, and can focus exclusively on your health care needs during your stay at Straub. Your hospitalist is:
 - easily accessible
 - able to provide adjustments to your medications
 - responsible for ordering your tests
 - working with your specialists and your health care team
 - available to you and your family, to answer questions in a timely manner.

