

MEMORIAL

HOSPITAL AND MANOR

**On October 1, 2010,
Memorial Hospital and Manor
introduced a “Hospitalist Program” for inpatient care.**

Our Community may be asking...

What is a Hospitalist?

The Hospitalists at Memorial Hospital and Manor are highly qualified physicians who focus on each patient’s care while in the hospital, from time of admission to time of discharge.

Who is cared for by a Hospitalist?

- Patients of some local Internal Medicine and Family Medicine physicians.
- Patients who do not have a primary care physician.
- Patients from outside the Bainbridge area who do not have a local primary care physician.

When will I see my primary care physician?

If your physician elects to transfer your care to the Hospitalist Service, you will most commonly see your physician following your discharge from the hospital.

Do all the physicians on the Memorial Hospital and Manor staff use the Hospitalist services?

No. Some physicians will continue to cover their own patients while they are hospitalized. This is something you may want to discuss with your personal physician.

Will I receive a separate bill for Hospitalist Services?

Yes. The billing process for hospitalist care is similar to being billed by your primary care physician for a hospital visit. If you have questions about any part of your hospital bill, please call Memorial Hospital and Manor’s Patient Accounts Department at 229-243-6143.

What are the advantages of the Hospitalist program?

- Hospitalists work in the hospital and are available, 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Hospitalists are easily accessible if your condition changes, and also when questions or concerns arise.
- Hospitalists are familiar with Memorial Hospital’s procedures and clinical staff, which helps them to function more efficiently in ordering tests, consulting other specialists and adjusting individualized care for each patient.
- Primary care physicians are able to spend more uninterrupted time caring for their office-based patients while the Hospitalist cares for patients in the hospital.
- Many new physicians prefer working with a hospital that has a Hospitalist program in place. This will help Memorial Hospital and Manor recruit more physicians to open medical practices in Bainbridge.

How does the Hospitalist work with my doctor?

- The Hospitalist communicates with your physician, providing reports and evaluations so that your primary care physician will be aware of your condition on admission and discharge.
- The Hospitalist will ensure a smooth transition back to your primary care physician once you leave the hospital. If you do not have a primary care physician, the Hospitalist will help refer you for follow-up care when you leave the hospital.

You should discuss any concerns about your health care management with your primary care physician before the need for hospitalization arises. The Hospitalist Program does not include patients of specialists such as General Surgeons, Pediatricians or OB/GYN. For more information about the Hospitalist Program at Memorial Hospital and Manor, please contact our Public Relations Department at 229-243-6187 or visit our website at www.mh-m.org.