



During your stay at Cortland Regional Medical Center, you will be examined and treated by a variety of healthcare professionals. Among them will be a doctor known as a Hospitalist. A Hospitalist is a medical doctor who specializes in the evaluation and treatment of patients who require hospital care. Our Hospitalists:

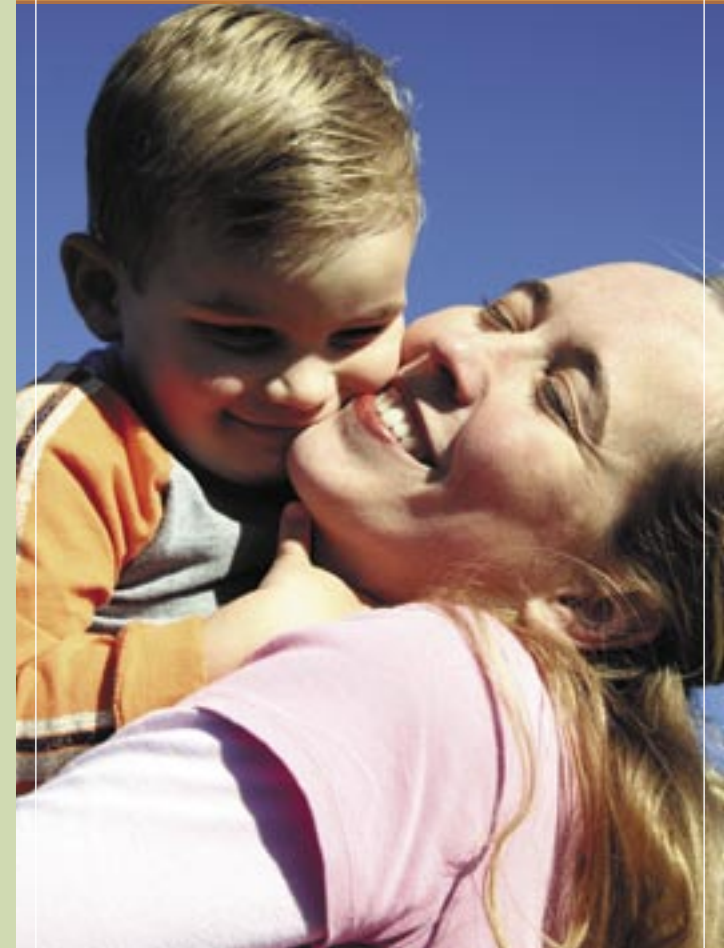
- Are all Board Certified or Board Eligible internal medicine physicians, with critical care experience.
- Excel in working in the hospital environment and are trained in the latest techniques and procedures.
- Are available on-site at the hospital, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to care for patients.



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Hospitalist Care at Cortland Regional Medical Center

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Q. What does a Hospitalist do?

A. Hospitalists function as your primary care doctor only during your stay at the hospital, ordering diagnostic tests and lab work, planning treatment and consulting specialty physicians when needed.

Q. What are the benefits of a Hospitalist?

A. A significant advantage is that the Hospitalist is on-site, and able to respond immediately to test results and changes in your condition. This efficiency and timeliness improves the quality of care for inpatients, makes communication with patients and their families easier, and may even result in shorter hospital stays when appropriate. Our Hospitalists do not maintain a practice outside of the hospital; so their full attention is dedicated to your care while you're in the hospital.



Q. Why is a Hospitalist caring for me?

A. Your primary care physician may have requested that a Hospitalist be in charge of your care during your stay at the hospital. Or you may not have a primary care physician and one of our Hospitalists was assigned to care for you.

Q. Will my own doctor know I have been admitted to the hospital?

A. If your hospital admission process was not handled by your primary care physician he or she will be notified that you are in the hospital.

Q. What does the Hospitalist know about me?

A. After you are admitted to the hospital, your primary care doctor and the Hospitalist will share information about your past medical history and current condition. The Hospitalist will also talk to you directly and ask questions. While you are an inpatient, the Hospitalist will keep your primary care doctor informed of your treatment plans, options and progress, usually on a daily basis. Remember, the Hospitalist's role is to work with, not replace, your primary care physician.

Q. When will I see the Hospitalist?

A. Patient visits begin early each morning and continue throughout the day. Patients with the most urgent medical needs will be seen first, but rest assured that the Hospitalist will see you at least once during each 24-hour period. In between visits, the Hospitalist is kept updated on your condition through regular contact with your nurses.



Q. How do I contact the Hospitalist?

A. If you or a family member would like to speak with one of our Hospitalists, it is best to ask the nurse caring for you to page the doctor. The Hospitalists are available to answer questions or concerns you or your family may have about your condition and treatment plans.

Q. What happens when I am discharged from the hospital?

A. Patients who have a primary care physician will return to his or her care after their hospital stay. When you are discharged, the Hospitalist will send detailed records to your physician that review your hospitalization and any further treatment needs. The Hospitalist will provide you with any needed prescriptions when you leave the hospital, and will let you know when you should go back to see your primary care doctor.

Q. Who do I contact for care after I leave the hospital?

A. The Hospitalist is only responsible for your care while you are in the hospital. Should you have questions or need assistance after you have been discharged, please contact your primary care provider.

For more information on the CRMC Hospitalist program, please call (607) 428-5074.