What Is Hospital Medicine?
Hospital medicine is a medical specialty dedicated to providing comprehensive care to patients while they are hospitalized. Hospital medicine is practiced by physicians ("Hospitalists") who engage in clinical care, teaching, research or leadership in the field of general hospital medicine.

What Is a Hospitalist?
A hospitalist is a physician who specializes in the practice of hospital medicine. Following medical school, hospitalists typically complete residency training in general internal medicine, general pediatrics or family practice, but may also receive training in other medical disciplines.

The hospitalist’s goal is to provide the best, safest and most efficient medical treatment to patients from the time you are admitted to the time you are discharged. They are experts/experienced in coordination of care, communication, and ensuring a safe discharge.

What Does a Hospitalist Do For Me?
A hospitalist will take care of you while you are hospitalized and work with your primary care physician as well as with other medical specialists to provide optimal care during your stay. Hospitalists serve as the point of contact to answer questions or provide you updates and contact your primary care physician. The hospitalist is responsible for directing treatment and to determine a comprehensive plan of care.

The hospitalist will also provide information about your care to the family members if you consent. Hospitalists are available to meet with families. Please speak with a nurse if you need to make meeting arrangements.

What Happens After I am Discharged?
Hospitalists do not care for patients after they leave the hospital. You can either resume or begin seeing a primary care physician. For help finding an OSU primary care physician, please call 614-293-5123.