



Your Hospitalist Physician

*Providing quality care
during your hospital stay*

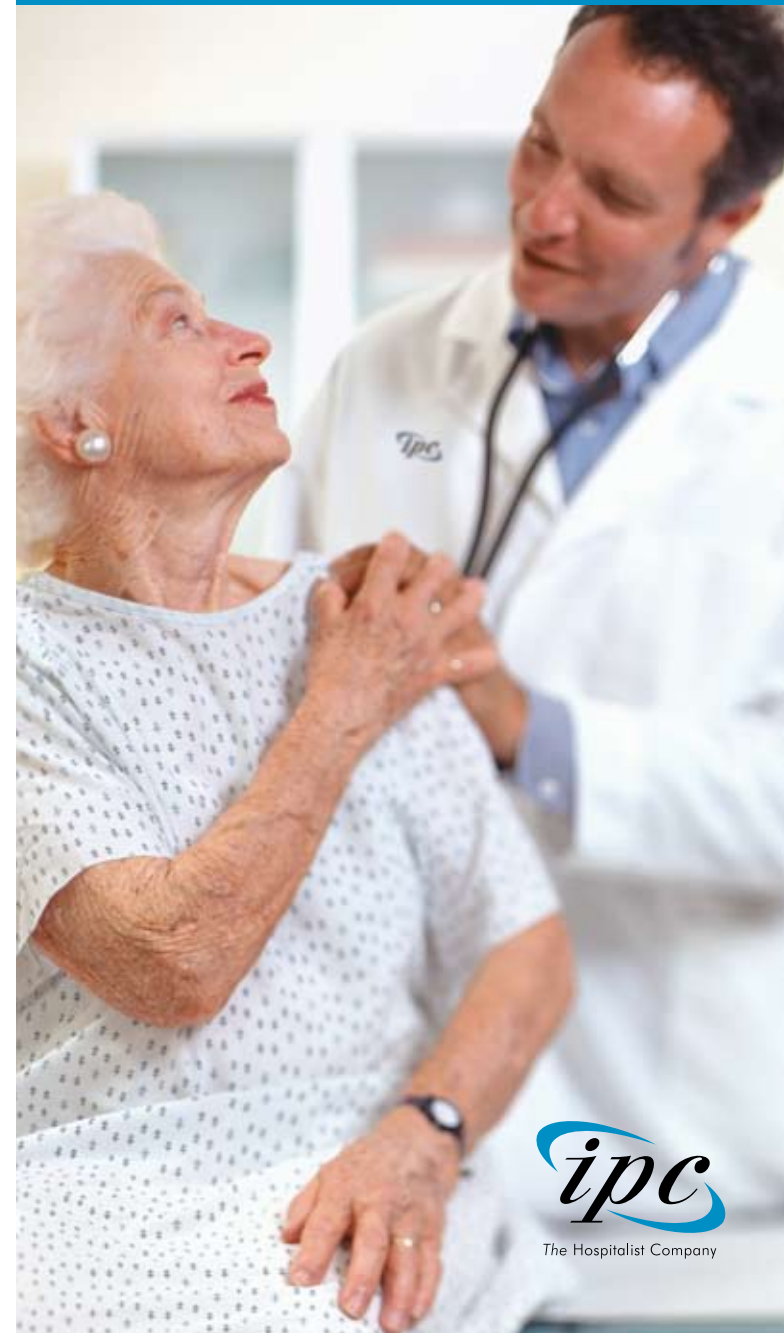


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About IPC The Hospitalist Company, Inc.

IPC is a leading physician group practice company focused on the delivery of hospitalist medicine. The company has a reputation for delivering high quality care and patient satisfaction. Founded in 1995 by a hospitalist, IPC provides hospitalist services to several hundred medical facilities all across the United States.

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What is a Hospitalist?

A valuable member of your healthcare team

Hospitalists are medical providers who specialize in Hospital Medicine. Their mission is to ensure that the patient receives the best possible quality care during their hospital stay. Hospitalists generally are trained in Internal Medicine, though some have additional areas of specialty. The Hospitalist is there to see the patient through their entire hospital stay, from admission through discharge.

Hospitalists practice medicine only in the hospital

IPC Hospitalists do not have offices outside the hospital. They dedicate all their time to caring for patients inside the hospital. Hospitalists are very familiar with hospital procedures and services. They have close working relations with the hospital's entire staff of physicians, nurses and others who may be involved in your care. IPC Hospitalists also work closely with other specialists to ensure an optimal course of treatment during the patient's hospital stay.

Why a Hospitalist?

Hospitalists keep you involved in your care

You are the most important member of your healthcare team. Your IPC Hospitalist will gather information provided by your Primary Care Physician, as well as listen to what you have to say about your hospital stay. Be sure to share important information about your condition, symptoms and medical history. Please ask questions to be certain you understand tests, procedures and the course of treatment.

Partnering with your Primary Care Physician

The IPC Hospitalist partners with your Primary Care Physician to provide you the best possible care while you are in the hospital. IPC is a hospitalist company that is totally dedicated to taking care of patients inside the hospital. The Hospitalist will make sure that your Primary Care Physician receives timely information regarding your progress every step of the way during your hospital stay.

Hospitalists keep you and your family informed

Your family is an important part of your healthcare team. Your IPC Hospitalist understands that being in the hospital can be a critical and stressful time for patients and their families. Hospitalists are available to provide you and your family with honest, considerate answers concerning your care. Because Hospitalists are in the hospital on a full-time basis, they are able to spend quality time with patients and families.

What happens during my hospital stay?

Your IPC Hospitalist will arrange for your admission

Once it is determined that you will require admission to the hospital, your IPC Hospitalist will be notified. Upon admission your IPC Hospitalist will send a Notice of Admission to your primary care physician, if you have one. Your IPC Hospitalist will maintain communication with your primary care physician every step of the way to manage your entire hospital stay with the best possible quality of care.

Your IPC Hospitalist manages the progress of your care

Your Hospitalist will direct all activities related to your care while you are in the hospital. This includes prescribing medications, scheduling tests and procedures and coordinating all your medical needs while in the hospital. Hospitalists are experienced in managing and navigating the complexities of the hospital healthcare delivery system. Your IPC Hospitalist keeps your primary care physician updated on your stay as your care requires.

Discharge planning is coordinated with your Hospitalist

When you are ready to be discharged from the hospital, your IPC Hospitalist will send a Discharge Summary to your primary care physician. The Discharge Summary will include details on your condition, your medications, test results, and other significant information. Be sure to arrange a follow-up appointment with your primary care physician so he or she can manage your progress once you leave the hospital.

Post-discharge, your Hospitalist will ensure things are going smoothly

As an extra safety measure, IPC's Nurse Call Center will attempt to contact you within a few days to ensure everything is going smoothly with your transition from hospital to home. At this time, we will make sure you have scheduled a follow-up appointment to see your primary care physician and can help address questions you may have about medications, discharge instructions or your condition.