## Today's Hospitalist



Who do hospitalists treat?

Hospitalists are the point-person for the care of hospitalized patients.

Hospitalists address the urgency of inpatient care and coordinate inpatient care. On average, they:

- Work 15 shifts a month.
- Have 16 patient encounters per shift.
- Treat **5.3 diseases per patient**.
- Prescribe 35 prescription drugs and 10 OTC drugs per shift.
- Rewrite scripts for one in three patients.
- Comanage patient care with specialists.
- Although they are physicians, hospitalists don't have an office practice.
- 85% of hospitalists rarely or never see pharmaceutical reps.

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