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The Role of the Hospitalist in Contemporary Patient Care

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(30 minutes)

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This activity is designed
for primary care physicians,
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Hospital inpatients are sicker today than they were in past decades and treatment regimens are more technologically complex than ever before. These realities, combined with pressures on hospitals to control costs, increase efficiency, improve patient outcomes, and reduce medical errors are changing the nature of inpatient care. One strategy that is increasingly being used to adapt to these changes is the establishment of hospital medicine programs, which feature physicians who are called “hospitalists.” In this video Dr. Alpesh Amin reviews the evolution of the field of hospital medicine, provides demographic information on hospitalists, and explores their practice models, education, and training. He also examines the value hospitalists bring to health care, discusses policy recommendations that could further define the value of hospitalists in improving the delivery of healthcare, and concludes with a discussion on integrating hospitalists into the hospital team.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After taking part in this CME activity, participants should be better able to:

- Define the role of hospitalists in the care of patients from admission through discharge
- Identify areas in which hospitalists may aid in integrating and coordinating various hospital services
- Assess evidence for the impact of hospitalists on outcomes

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