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### **CCH's Adult and Pediatric Hospitalist Programs Provide Comprehensive Care to Inpatients**

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**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – When patients are admitted to Columbus Community Hospital (CCH), they receive inpatient care from a team of doctors called hospitalists. These are physicians specifically trained in the care of hospitalized patients.

Hospitalists evaluate and treat a wide range of medical conditions, and work in collaboration with primary care physicians, consulting physicians, emergency physicians, specialists, pharmacists, nurses and other members of a patient's care team.

They're able to be at the bedside promptly and spend more time with patients following up on test results and changes to their conditions. Hospitalists also play an important role in the coordination of patients' care prior to their discharge from the hospital.

CCH offers both adult and pediatric hospitalist programs.

The Adult Hospitalist Program at CCH was launched in 2010. The hospitalist group is called Inpatient Physician Associates of Columbus (IPA-C) and it includes hospitalists Brian Bossard, MD, FACP, FHM, medical director of IPA-C; Kurt Kapels, MD, clinical director of IPA-C; Scott Cameron, MD and Alicia Mizner, MD. All of them are board-trained, internal medicine physicians.

The Pediatric Hospitalist Program at CCH was launched in 2017 and it offers inpatient care for children, from newborns up to 18 years of age. Through the program, pediatricians from Columbus Children's Healthcare take care of all children hospitalized at CCH.

The pediatric hospitalists include Kimberly Allen, D.O., FAAP; David E. Rohwer, MD, FAAP; Margaret A. Egbarts, MD, FAAP and Jon Kroenke, MD, FAAP. All of them are specialists in pediatric care. They're available at a moment's notice for coverage of pediatric inpatient hospitalizations, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) patients and emergency room consultations. They stay with children through their whole hospital stay, which provides continuity of care and better communication with families.

Pediatric and adult hospitalist programs such as these have been found to benefit patients.

"That specific hospital training and dedicated care has been shown to lead to shorter hospitalizations, decreases in unnecessary costs and improved patient outcomes," said Dr. Kapels. "We take pride in



getting to know our patients and their families and work hard to provide beneficial treatment plans and recommendations for our patients.”

Janet Loseke, RN, BSN, CRNI, is the director of CCH’s acute care unit (ACU) and intensive care unit (ICU) where the IPA-C hospitalists care for adult inpatients. She has seen how the hospitalists improve care for patients by working with CCH’s other staff.

“The communication between the hospitalists and our nursing staff, on all levels, is outstanding,” Loseke said. “Someone is available 24/7 and they are quick to respond to a nurse’s call regarding a change in condition, a question, or even simply an update on a condition.”

Kimberly Eisenmann, RN, BSN, director of Maternal Child Health at CCH, works with the pediatric hospitalists in much the same way Loseke works with the adult hospitalists. The pediatric hospitalists look after babies and pediatric patients in CCH’s Maternal Child Health Department.

“The pediatric hospitalist program is a great way to care for young children and babies,” Eisenmann said. “We offer a lot of things that patients would otherwise have to go to bigger cities for, but since it’s offered locally, we can keep our moms, babies and families together in our community for that care.”

Likewise, Dr. Allen said the pediatric hospitalist program is a great initiative by CCH to provide high quality pediatric care to the community.

“I think the biggest thing is that, no matter who your doctor is, you have the benefit of four pediatric specialists are who well trained to take care of sick kids,” she said. “Every pediatric patient now receives care from a specialist.”

For more information on CCH’s adult and pediatric hospitalists programs and how they benefit patients, visit [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

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