



## Medicine Call...to action!

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### Excellence in Hospitalist and Intensivist Medicine at

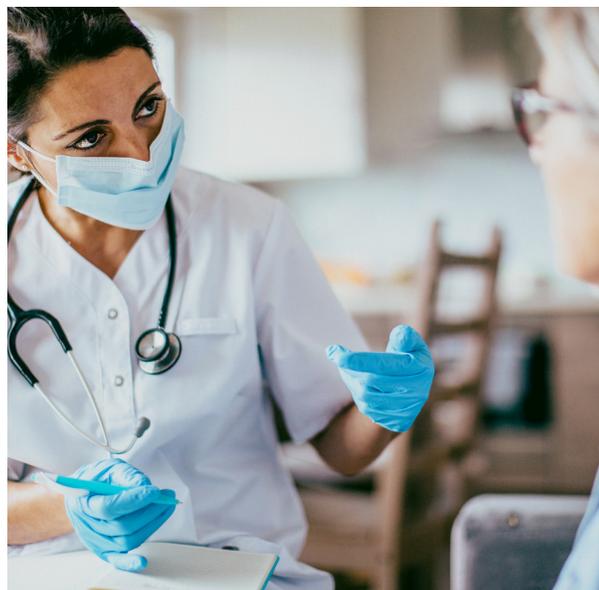
### Abbott Northwestern Hospital

At Abbott Northwestern Hospital, excellence is what we do best. From routine procedures to emergency care and life-threatening pandemics, the frontline physicians at Abbott Northwestern provide expert, compassionate and coordinated care. What makes Abbott Northwestern an award-winning and nationally recognized hospital is, in large part, attributed to our Hospitalists and Intensivists.

Nearly every patient who comes through the doors of Abbott Northwestern sees a Hospitalist, an internal medicine physician who specializes in inpatient hospital medicine. Hospitalists expertly diagnose and treat a broad range of complex medical conditions. Hospitalists coordinate with all members of the health care team, including subspecialists and family members. Hospitalists ensure a smooth experience for patients when they enter the hospital, while in the hospital, and as they leave. Hospitalists are exceptional drivers of care innovation, research, and training.

An Intensivist is a physician who provides specialized care for critically ill patients. Intensivists care for the sickest of the sick – patients suffering life-threatening conditions in Abbott Northwestern's Intensive Care Units (ICUs). Intensivist involvement improves patient outcomes and survival rates, reduces complications, and shortens length of stay in the ICUs.

Together, these two essential and dynamic physician groups partner with experts across Abbott Northwestern and Allina Health. Their comprehensive and collaborative approach means that all patients receive the best in care delivery and treatment. Hospitalists and Intensivists are at the center of care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their experience on the frontlines informs the ever-evolving regional response to this global crisis. Connected, coordinated, comprehensive care, for which the Hospitalists and Intensivists at Abbott Northwestern are experts, is needed now more than ever.



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## How your support makes a difference

Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation, with the generous support of the community, is raising funds for Excellence in Hospitalist and Intensivist Medicine at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. Your gift to “Medicine Call...to action” will advance Abbott Northwestern’s Hospitalist and Intensivist programs.

The following describes how your support will help patients and meet the community’s healthcare needs:

- **Education:** Hospitalists and Intensivists are routinely confronted with new and unknown conditions, requiring ongoing education and hands-on simulation training. They share their learning and discoveries with peers across Allina Health and the region. What’s more, our Hospitalists and Intensivists lead a robust training program for physician residents who then advance the care practice at Abbott Northwestern and other hospitals throughout the nation.
- **Community Outreach and Access:** Located in the heart of South Minneapolis, Abbott Northwestern serves a diverse patient population with varied cultural and socioeconomic differences. The Hospitalists and Intensivists, themselves a diverse group of physicians, participate in and lead training sessions, studies, and programs that actively work to address health care disparities and reduce barriers to care.
- **Expert, Comprehensive Care:** Abbott Northwestern’s Hospitalists and Intensivists develop programs that influence best practices. In response to our critically-ill patients’ needs, our Intensivists developed a standardized treatment protocol for patients with blood clots in the lungs. Findings from this study are improving critical care across Allina Health and will inform new clinical guidelines nation-wide. Intensivists developed a program serving pregnant women who have heart disease, heart failure, and other conditions that can cause life-threatening emergencies in obstetrical care. The program has grown 128% since its inception in 2016 and, to date, has a 100% maternal survival rate. With its growth and success, our Intensivists are developing protocols to be disseminated across the country and around the world.
- **Research:** Hospitalists and Intensivists conduct clinical research studies that directly impact patient care at the bedside. Current research projects underway include developing an Allina Health COVID-19 registry; tracking outcomes for patients hospitalized with sepsis and a reported penicillin allergy; assessing high dose diazepam treatment for patients hospitalized with alcohol withdrawal; and evaluating long term medication choices and outcomes for patients with a high or intermediate risk of pulmonary embolism.

Philanthropic support advances the mission of Abbott Northwestern as we prevent illness, restore health, and provide comfort to all who entrust us with their care. By strengthening Excellence in Hospitalist and Intensivist Medicine, you ensure that this national health care leader continues to be a dynamic place of healing, hope, and innovation for patients and their families for generations to come.

*To learn more about supporting Excellence in Hospitalist and Intensivist Medicine and how you can make a difference for patient care, please contact the Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation at 612-863-4126.*