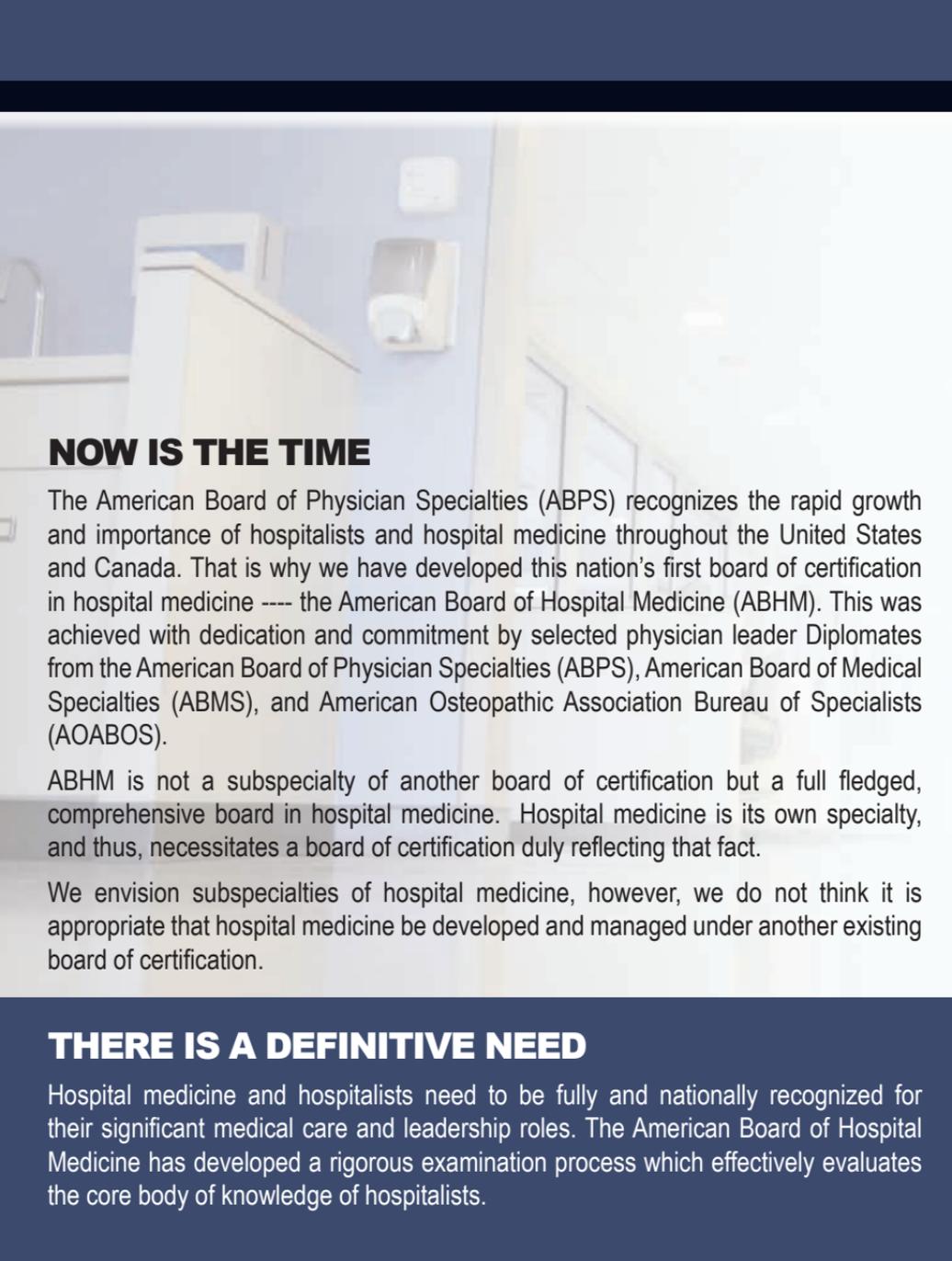




# American Board of Hospital Medicine





## **NOW IS THE TIME**

The American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS) recognizes the rapid growth and importance of hospitalists and hospital medicine throughout the United States and Canada. That is why we have developed this nation's first board of certification in hospital medicine ---- the American Board of Hospital Medicine (ABHM). This was achieved with dedication and commitment by selected physician leader Diplomates from the American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS), American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), and American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Specialists (AOABOS).

ABHM is not a subspecialty of another board of certification but a full fledged, comprehensive board in hospital medicine. Hospital medicine is its own specialty, and thus, necessitates a board of certification duly reflecting that fact.

We envision subspecialties of hospital medicine, however, we do not think it is appropriate that hospital medicine be developed and managed under another existing board of certification.

## **THERE IS A DEFINITIVE NEED**

Hospital medicine and hospitalists need to be fully and nationally recognized for their significant medical care and leadership roles. The American Board of Hospital Medicine has developed a rigorous examination process which effectively evaluates the core body of knowledge of hospitalists.

**It is time to fully recognize hospital medicine and hospitalists for the critical roles they play in the delivery of healthcare. Allopathic and osteopathic physicians from the United States and Canada are leading the way in providing a needed board of certification in hospital medicine, to ensure today's hospitalists possess a specific core body of knowledge.**





## **HOSPITALISTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LEADERS**

Hospital medicine is one of this nation's fastest developing medical specialties. We envision there will be hospital subspecialists in a myriad of subspecialties. New patterns are emerging in this direction as hospitalists embrace different priorities when making referrals. Hospitalists are selecting specialists for referrals and specialists are positioning themselves to be selected.

Hospital based medicine is a critical new medical specialty that will continue to be tremendously successful attracting physicians from all medical specialties. Hospital medicine is a significant and positive development for physicians, physician organizations, hospitals, managed care organizations, and other healthcare organizations and agencies. Hospital medicine will continue to reshape the health care sector and hospitalists will lead the way.

We are convinced that hospitalists will continue to expand their leadership acumen and demonstrate their core body of clinical knowledge. The American Board of Hospital Medicine will provide that exciting opportunity for thousands of hospitalists in this country and Canada.



Hospital medicine, or hospital based medicine, is an exciting new medical specialty with new related developments occurring throughout our nation and other countries as well. Hospital medicine is expanding rapidly and being embraced almost universally. According to a recent article in Hospitalist Program Weekly, “Pediatric hospitalist care cuts cost and LOS...” The University of Chicago has recently developed a geriatric hospitalist model. Hospitalists are collaborating with critical care medicine (CCM) specialists as well. Hospitalists may be the new intensivists.

Since the mid-1990s, the number of hospitalists have dramatically grown from about 800 to currently over 16,000. This is only the beginning as hospital medicine continues to be embraced by community and private hospitals, academic centers, and by employers. There is little doubt that hospital medicine will continue to expand from all perspectives.



## THE FUTURE OF HOSPITAL MEDICINE

The growth of hospital medicine will bring significant and positive change to the delivery of physician care to hospitalized patients in many ways. Hospital medicine, led by hospitalists, is changing the face of healthcare as we know it. There are more and more hospitalist group practices forming throughout the United States and Canada as more and more physicians, hospitals, and physician organizations understand the value and critical importance of hospital medicine. There is no question that this medical specialty will continue to grow and gain more momentum and recognition in providing a hospitalist's model of medical practice improving the efficiency and quality of hospital medical care. The ABPS enthusiastically embraces this new hospital medical specialty that will serve the needs of patients throughout the United States and Canada. Please consider joining us for an innovative program that establishes hospital medicine as its own board of certification and further recognizes the new medical specialty of hospital medicine.



*We envision physicians becoming active in the emergence of academic hospitalists programs in research. Moreover, we also foresee the emergence of pediatric and geriatric hospitalists. In addition to patient care, teaching and research, hospitalists will emerge as key physicians in critical care medicine for ICUs and even in rapid response teams, including disaster medicine. Hospitalists will also be accepted as key physicians in the end-of-life care. We also envision the development of new and interesting dynamics in hospitalists and emergency medicine specialists.*

*ABHM does not differentiate between allopathic and osteopathic hospitalists and eligibility is also extended to physicians practicing in Canada. ABHM is unique in that a public member will also serve on the board, with the same full voting rights as the physician board members.*





## **INTERESTED HOSPITALISTS**

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