When you need a doctor in the hospital, one of North Valley Hospital’s Hospitalists is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you or a member of your family wishes to speak to the Hospitalist, simply ask your nurse to arrange a visit.
Hospitalist Program

What is a Hospitalist?
A Hospitalist is a Board Certified or Board Eligible physician who takes care of hospitalized patients.

What about my primary care provider?
Your primary care provider is notified at the time of your admission to the hospital. Your primary care provider works with the Hospitalist by sharing information about your past history and the two providers can discuss any significant findings or events. At the time of your admission and discharge, the Hospitalist prepares a detailed report of findings and treatment plans and these are sent to your primary care provider.

What if I do not have a primary care provider?
We can assist you in arranging for follow-up care with a primary care provider.

Goals for your care
• Treat you and your family with the upmost courtesy and respect.
• Listen carefully to you.
• Explain things clearly in a way you can understand.

How does the Hospitalist practice work?
The Hospitalist will be in charge of your care while you are in the hospital. He/she will see you every day and direct your treatment. This Hospitalist is available to you and your family to answer any questions and discuss your care. The Hospitalist may ask other physicians or specialists to participate in your care when needed. At the time of hospital discharge, the Hospitalist will make arrangements for any prescriptions that you need. He/she will also facilitate follow-up appointments that you may need after discharge.

When will the Hospitalist make rounds?
Generally, patients who are very ill and/or in the special care area are seen early in the morning. Patients who will be discharged that day will be seen next. Patients who are more stable are seen next, usually in the late morning or afternoon.