

## WHO'S WHO IN THE HOSPITAL

**ATTENDING PHYSICIAN** – The most senior doctor directly responsible for patient care.

**HOSPITALIST** – A doctor employed by a hospital to take care of patients in the hospital.

**FELLOW** – A physician who has completed a residency and is training in a specialized field.

**CHIEF RESIDENT** – The most senior resident (physician in training) who directs the activities of other residents.

**THIRD YEAR RESIDENT (PGY 3 or senior resident)** – Physician trainee who helps coordinate care of multiple patients and supervises less experienced residents.

**SECOND YEAR RESIDENT (PGY 2 or junior resident)** – Physician trainee who helps manage patients and supervise and teach first-year residents and medical students.

FIRST YEAR RESIDENT (PGY 1 or intern) – A physician trainee who has finished medical school and is beginning patient care duties.

**ADMINISTRATOR ON CALL** – A hospital executive who responds to emergencies after hours.

**NURSING SUPERVISOR** – The most senior nursing administrator available after hours.

**NURSE MANAGER** – The most senior nursing staff member for a particular hospital unit.

**CHARGE NURSE** – The nurse in charge of scheduling nurses on one shift in a ward or unit. The charge nurse is often the direct supervisor of the other nurses on her shift.

**STAFF NURSE OR BEDSIDE NURSE** – A registered nurse (RN) who is responsible for direct patient care.

**UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL** – Nursing assistants who may be called nurses' aides, patient care assistants or technicians.

**RAPID RESPONSE TEAM** – A team of critical care specialists who can be called to assess a patient in an emergency. In some hospitals, patients and families can call the rapid response team.