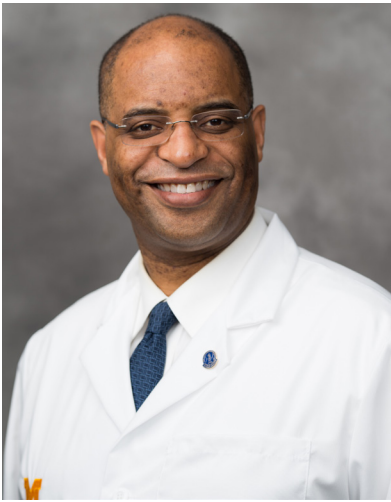




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Hospital Medicine Division to be created within the Department of Internal Medicine



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Since its inception, the Hospital Medicine Program within the Division of General Medicine has grown considerably in the number of faculty and staff as clinical services expanded. As educational opportunities presented themselves, several hospitalists are now key educators at the medical student and GME levels. Additionally, research, particularly that of patient safety and quality, has grown within the program. Each of the current 12 divisions within Internal Medicine fulfill a tripartite mission with vigor, and the proposed new Division of Hospital Medicine is no different and meets that task bar. The proposed Hospital Medicine Division would encompass over 90 faculty, involved in approximately 17,500 hospital and observation discharges directly, have over \$3M in research dollars, share faculty at the VA, and engage in educational activities of the institution. The proposed Division of Hospital Medicine would be the first division to be created within the Department in over 40 years and would be the fourth largest division in our Department.

The Department will separate out the new Division of Hospital Medicine from the Division of General Medicine at the clinical and educational levels, with continuance of a combined research operation largely focused on health services research and quality. We anticipate that the new division will be in operation July 1, 2017. As Dr. Scott Flanders will step down from his role as Hospitalist Director this summer, an interim leader for the Division of Hospital Medicine will be appointed as the Department actively recruits a new chief for this division. The Division of General Medicine will continue to have approximately 140 faculty, inclusive of primary general medicine and its longstanding nationally-recognized health services research both at UM and the VA.