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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER INTRODUCES DR. JOHN GRAHAM, HOSPITALIST

LANCASTER, Ohio (April 20, 2009) – Fairfield Medical Center (FMC) has contracted with



Community Hospitalists, a branch of Physician Staffing, to bring Hospitalists to our area. Hospitalist is the term used for doctors who are specialized in the care of patients in the hospital. Dr. Jerome Roche, FMC Chief Medical Director, said, "A Hospitalist's average day consists of admitting, managing, discharging, and consulting for hospitalized patients." He also noted that having this type of physician at the Center will increase patient satisfaction and allow physicians that choose to use Hospitalists more flexibility and more time in their office to see patients.

Community Hospitalists has named Dr. John Graham to be the site director for the program. Longtime Lancaster Physician, Dr. David Dunbar, Internal Medicine, will also be involved in the Hospitalists program beginning in June. Dr. Graham is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, performed his residency at Allegheny General Hospital, and is board certified in Internal Medicine. He also has a background in Anesthesia. Community Hospitalists is currently in the process of recruiting a second full time physician for Fairfield Medical Center.

The plan at present is to begin service with Dr. Graham providing 12 hours of Hospitalists coverage Monday through Friday. Dr. Roche explained, "The first priority for the Hospitalists Program at FMC is to assist the unassigned patient load from the Emergency Department and to provide hospital-attending service to other physicians upon request. This is a fairly new concept that Hospitals are utilizing and FMC is proud to offer such high quality care to its patients."

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