



West Kauai Medical Center
Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital
 4643 Waimea Canyon Dr.
 Waimea, HI 96796

*Caring for Our Community through
 Excellence in Healthcare*

Emergency Services
24 Hours 338-9444

Main Hospital: 338-9431

Acute Care

Intensive Care

Long Term Care

Surgery

Imaging

CT Scan

MRI

X-Ray

Digital Mammography

w/ Stereotactic Biopsy

Rehabilitation Therapies

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

Respiratory Therapy



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Vision: *Creating Extraordinary
 Healthcare Experiences*

Mission: *Caring for Our Community
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Our Hospital Physicians

Answers to Your Questions

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Meet Our Hospitalists

What is a hospitalist?

Just as there are physician specialists for your knees, heart, and eyes, there are also physicians known as hospitalists who specialize in caring for you when you're hospitalized.

What does a hospitalist do?

When your primary care provider requests for the hospitalist to provide your care, a hospitalist will be involved in every aspect of your hospital stay, including

- Coordinating and providing your medical care including working with medical and surgical consultants, physical and occupational therapists, and dietitians.
- Ordering tests such as laboratory, X-rays, MRI, Ultrasounds, or CT Scans.
- Providing regular care updates to you and your family.
- Work with your primary care physician and the hospital care team to develop a personalized care plan and help ensure the accuracy of the medications and treatments ordered while you stay with us and upon your return home.
- Communicating as needed with your primary care physician about your care and progress.

What are the benefits of having a hospital based physician?

- **First Priority:** Hospital patients are the hospitalists first priority. They are up-to-date on the best in hospital care and in close communication with the nursing and support staff.
- **On-site care.** Since they are hospital based and provide 24/7 on-call coverage, hospitalists can rapidly coordinate your care and respond quickly to any changes in your condition.
- **Shorter hospital stays.** Patients cared for by hospitalists usually have shorter hospital stays, and are just as satisfied with their care.
- **Easy access.** Patients and their families have the opportunity for more frequent one-to-one contact with the hospitalist, ensuring that your questions are promptly answered.

When does hospitalist care end?

Hospitalist care ends when you are discharged from the hospital. Your hospitalist communicates with your primary care physician reporting on your care while in the hospital and planning follow-up care after your discharge.

Thank you for choosing our hospital. We hope to exceed your expectations. We look forward to hearing your feedback regarding your care during your hospital stay at KVMH.

Who are our hospitalists at West Kauai Medical Center?

Dr. Richard Lewan Director, Hospitalist Program



Dr. Lewan is the Director of the Hospitalist program. He graduated from University of Chicago-Pritzker Medical School and University of Illinois Family Medicine Residency. He is Board certified in Family Medicine and holds certificate of added qualification in Geriatrics.

Dr. Diane Noyes Internal Medicine



Dr. Noyes has worked as a hospitalist since 2000. She graduated from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine and Tripler Internal Medicine residency. She is Board certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Brigit Palathra Internal Medicine



Dr. Palathra graduated from University of West Indies and New York Medical College Internal Medicine residency. She is Board certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Steven Slagle Internal Medicine



Dr. Slagle graduated from Southwestern Medical School at University of Texas and University of Florida Internal Medicine residency. He is Board certified in Internal Medicine with added training and experience in Critical Care Medicine.