



During your stay, your core healthcare team may consist of:

1. **Attending Physician (“Attending”).** This is an experienced doctor who is in charge of your treatment plan. He or she works with and supervises other doctors treating you.
2. **Fellow.** This is a doctor who is getting advanced training in a special area of medicine.
3. **Resident.** This refers to a doctor who graduated from medical school two to three years ago. Residents are being trained in special areas of medicine. A “senior” resident is in charge of “junior” residents and interns. They are supervised by the attending physician.
4. **Intern.** This is a new doctor working under the guidance of residents and the attending physician.
5. **Consultants or specialists.** The attending physician may ask other doctors to help diagnose or treat you.
6. **Registered Nurse (RN):** Nurses perform health assessments, give medications, monitor (check) vital signs, change wound dressings, provide wound care, and teach family caregivers basic skills to care for the patient at home. You may see new nurses each day as most work in 8- or 12-hour shifts. The nurse is often the best person to talk with if you need something or have a question. **Nurses’ aide or nursing assistant (NA):** These team members work under the supervision of RNs. Their job is to take blood pressure, change bedding, assist patients going to the bathroom, give baths, and



help make sure patients are clean and comfortable. They work in shifts (like nurses) and you may not see the same aide each day

7. The nursing manager, who is responsible for ward management and clinical management of care.

8. Medical technologists, radiographers, and nuclear medicine technicians. These technicians take blood and perform X-rays and other tests.

9. Dietitians (Nutritionists). They provide counselling and assessment about nutrition (food and diets).

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