



## Five Hospitalists from Sound Inpatient Physicians® Receive Fellow in Hospital Medicine Distinction

### Inaugural FHM Class of 2009 Introduced at the Annual Meeting

**Tacoma, WA-May 13, 2009** The Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) is inducting its inaugural class of physicians receiving the distinction of [Fellow in Hospital Medicine](#) at the SHM Annual Meeting on May 16, in Chicago.

Becoming a Fellow in Hospital Medicine is an avenue to achieve special recognition for Society members who have distinguished themselves among their colleagues and the hospital medicine specialty. Approximately 500 hospitalists will be inducted in the inaugural class of Fellows for 2009, including five Sound Inpatient Physicians' hospitalists.

Sound Inpatient Physicians, Inc. recognizes the excellence of all of its physicians. A special acknowledgement is extended to our first five physicians receiving the distinction of Fellow in Hospital Medicine.

"It is truly an honor to work with hospitalist colleagues who have a sincere commitment to delivering the highest quality of patient care possible. Our clinical teams are experts in their field," says Scot Smith, MD, chief medical officer of [Sound Inpatient Physicians](#). "Sound Inpatient Physicians couples the hospitalists' clinical excellence with a laser-sharp focus on process improvements and utilizes proprietary web-based software tools to streamline the workflow. The outcomes are impressive," notes Robert A. Bessler, MD, president and chief executive officer of Sound Inpatient Physicians. "We applaud our physicians for their dedication of professional growth and excellence," adds Dr. Bessler.

Sound Inpatient Physicians values building careers for its physicians and applies focused leadership development and continuous training to clinicians throughout the practice. As a result, physicians have opportunities to advance their careers throughout the organization. The Sound Inpatient Physicians doctors receiving SHM's Fellow in Hospital Medicine recognition at the 2009 meeting include:

- **Michael A. Williams, MD, FHM**, hospitalist practicing at [Exempla Lutheran Medical Center](#), Denver, CO
- **Kerry Moore, MD, FHM**, chief hospitalist practicing at [St. Anthony's Central Hospital](#), Denver, CO
- **Lawrence R. Dell Isola, MD, FHM**, hospitalist practicing at [Valley Medical Center](#), Renton, WA
- **Ian L. Freeman, PhD, MD, FHM**, hospitalist practicing at [Tuality Healthcare](#), Portland, OR
- **Robert Zipper, MD, FHM**, chief medical officer, Pacific Region, Bend, OR

Visit Sound Inpatient Physicians at the SHM meeting – Booth #118 – and meet Sound Inpatient Physicians' new Fellows in Hospital Medicine. While visiting your colleagues from Sound Inpatient Physicians, review results of our newest web-based software application, featuring the HIDI™ Process. Learn how this innovative tool, designed to focus clinical process improvement for the highest impact diagnoses. Utilizing customized algorithms targeted at specific DRG codes, Sound Inpatient Physicians' hospitalists are driving improvements in quality while reducing cost. The HIDI™ Process is changing the practice of hospital medicine now.

### About Sound Inpatient Physicians

Sound Inpatient Physicians, Inc., a leading hospitalist company, is improving clinical outcomes and the quality of health care delivery. Through a combination of people, processes and technologies Sound Inpatient Physicians uniquely addresses the clinical, administrative and fiscal challenges facing our nation's healthcare delivery system. To learn more, visit: [www.soundphysicians.com](http://www.soundphysicians.com)

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