



Sound Physicians Enters Agreement to Provide Hospitalist Services to Norwegian American Hospital

Leading Hospitalist Organization Focuses on Improving Quality, Reducing Cost of Healthcare

Tacoma, Wash. & Chicago, Ill. – October 5, 2011 – [Sound Physicians](#), a leading hospitalist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and financial performance of inpatient healthcare delivery, announced today its agreement with Norwegian American Hospital to provide hospitalist services to their 200-bed acute care facility in Chicago, Ill.

Sound Physicians will care for hospitalized medical patients in consultation with community physicians. Staffing for the programs will consist of valued hospitalist team members previously employed by the hospital plus new physicians recruited by Sound Physicians.

The addition of Norwegian Hospital adds greater depth to Sound Physicians' strong Midwest presence.

"Norwegian American Hospital has served residents of Chicago for more than 115 years," said Robert Bessler M.D., chief executive officer of Sound Physicians. "We're excited to become part of their team, and help expand their efforts to deliver performance results in quality, patient satisfaction and financial performance."

Matthew J. Lambert III, MD, chief operating officer of Norwegian American Hospital, stated, "After a considerable internal assessment and review of hospitalist organizations, we chose Sound Physicians to provide hospitalist services at Norwegian American Hospital. They're a proven leader in improving quality and patient satisfaction as well as reducing the cost of care."

Hospitalists serving Norwegian American Hospital will utilize Sound Physicians' robust performance management engine and clinical process excellence solutions to drive improvements to inpatient care. The teams will also have the benefit of Sound Physicians' strong resources and expertise in hospital medicine management, including areas such as recruiting, training, informatics, billing, compliance and human resources.

About Sound Physicians

Sound Physicians is a leading hospitalist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and efficiency of inpatient health care delivery. By investing deeply in outstanding physicians, clinical process excellence and its proprietary workflow and informatics technology, Sound Physicians improves the delivery of inpatient care. Sound Physicians aligns with healthcare providers to measurably enhance patient outcomes and strengthen its partner's financial performance. To learn more visit: www.soundphysicians.com

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