

Patients more satisfied with care from hospitalists

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(HealthDay)—More patients report satisfaction with overall care in a

nonteaching hospitalist service than in a general medicine teaching service, according to research published in the February issue of the *Journal of Hospital Medicine*.

Charlie M. Wray, D.O., of the University of Chicago Medical Center, and colleagues conducted a retrospective cohort analysis of data from a survey of 4,591 general medicine teaching patients and 1,811 nonteaching hospitalist [service](#) patients at 30 days after discharge. The association between service type and patient-reported outcomes was examined.

The researchers found that, compared with patients on the general medicine teaching service, patients on the nonteaching hospitalist service had higher reported rates of ability to identify their physician (50 versus 45 percent; P satisfaction with coordination of care (68 versus 64 percent; P = 0.006) and overall care (73 versus 67 percent; P

"Patients on a nonteaching hospitalist service rated their overall care slightly better than [patients](#) on a general medicine teaching service," the authors write. "Team structure and complexity may play a role in this difference."

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