

Dear Fellow Rhode Island Hospitalist,

Can you name all the hospitalists that work at your facility? I thought so. Can you name five others that work in Rhode Island? I thought not. There are many issues that unite us (if I were to say “consult from orthopedic surgery” does your blood pressure rise 10 points?), yet we remain in our silos. Well it is time to break on out and meet up with your colleagues around the state.

We would like to invite you to a gathering of Hospitalists who work in the state of Rhode Island on Thursday, April 6 at Gregg’s Restaurant at 4120 Quaker Lane in North Kingstown at 6 PM. We are asking for \$10 per participant to help cover the cost for dinner and the rest is being sponsored by the Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP).

This will be an opportunity to meet colleagues, talk over issues of mutual concern beyond the orthopedic, commiserate and reinvigorate. I have included copies of the “point/counterpoint” Perspective Articles from the September 2016 NEJM celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hospitalist as a good place to start an existential discussion of Hospital Medicine. As we all participate in a 24/7 program, there will unfortunately be some who cannot attend and we hope to put on similar dinner meetings again in the future.

We are counting on the good graces of your Medical Director to help distribute this invitation as we do not at this time have a roster of Rhode Island Hospitalists. Whether or not you plan on attending this dinner meeting, could you please respond by email to [riacpinfo@gmail.com](mailto:riacpinfo@gmail.com) with subject: RI Hospitalist, and in the body of the message: your name, email contact information, primary hospital affiliation, and RSVP y or n on the dinner. Membership in the ACP, albeit strongly encouraged, is not mandatory for this or any future RI Hospitalist activity.

Thank you in advance for this and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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