



# Under the MACRAscope A Hospitalist Perspective

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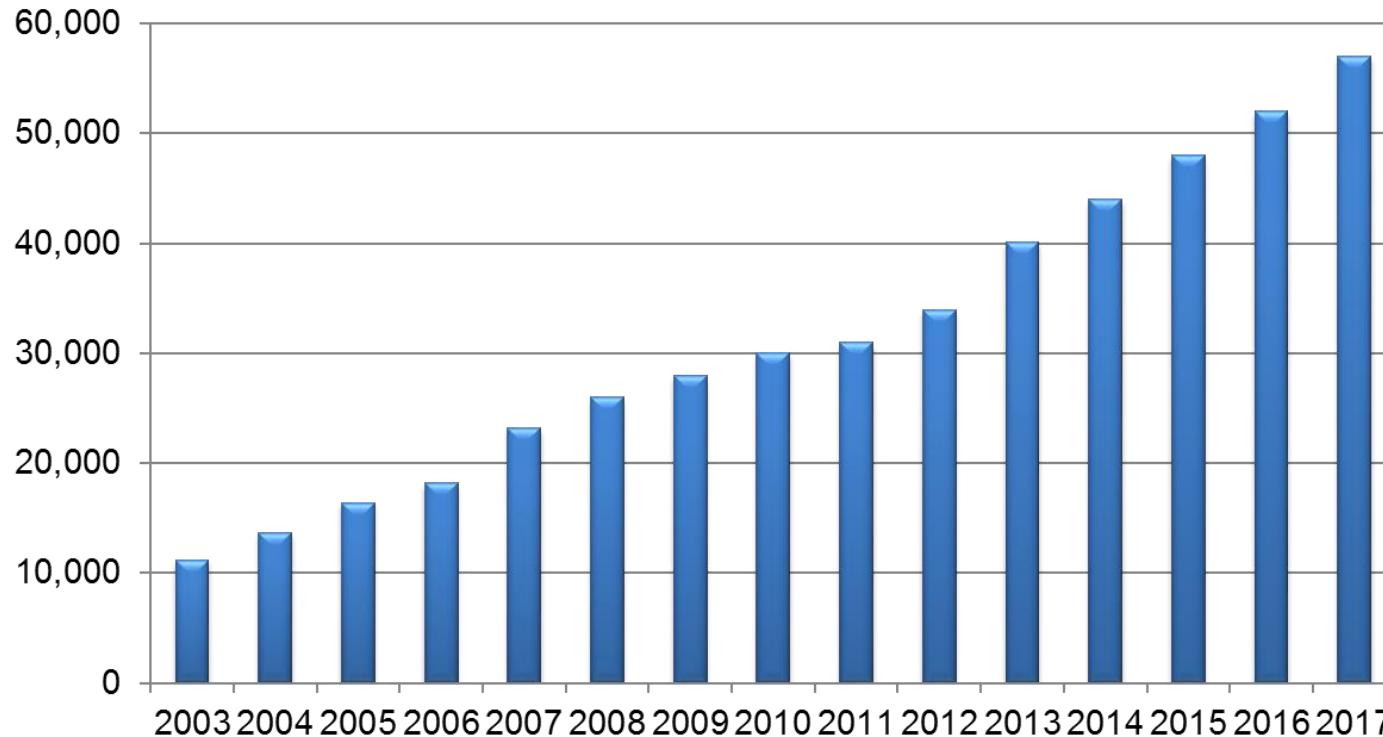
# The Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM): The national organization for hospitalists

## Our Objectives

- Promoting high quality and high value health care for every hospitalized patient
- Advancing the state of the art in hospital medicine through education and research
- Improving hospitals and the health care community through innovation, collaboration and patient centered care
- Supporting and nurturing a vibrant, diverse and multidisciplinary membership to ensure the long term health of hospital medicine

# Growth of Hospital Medicine:

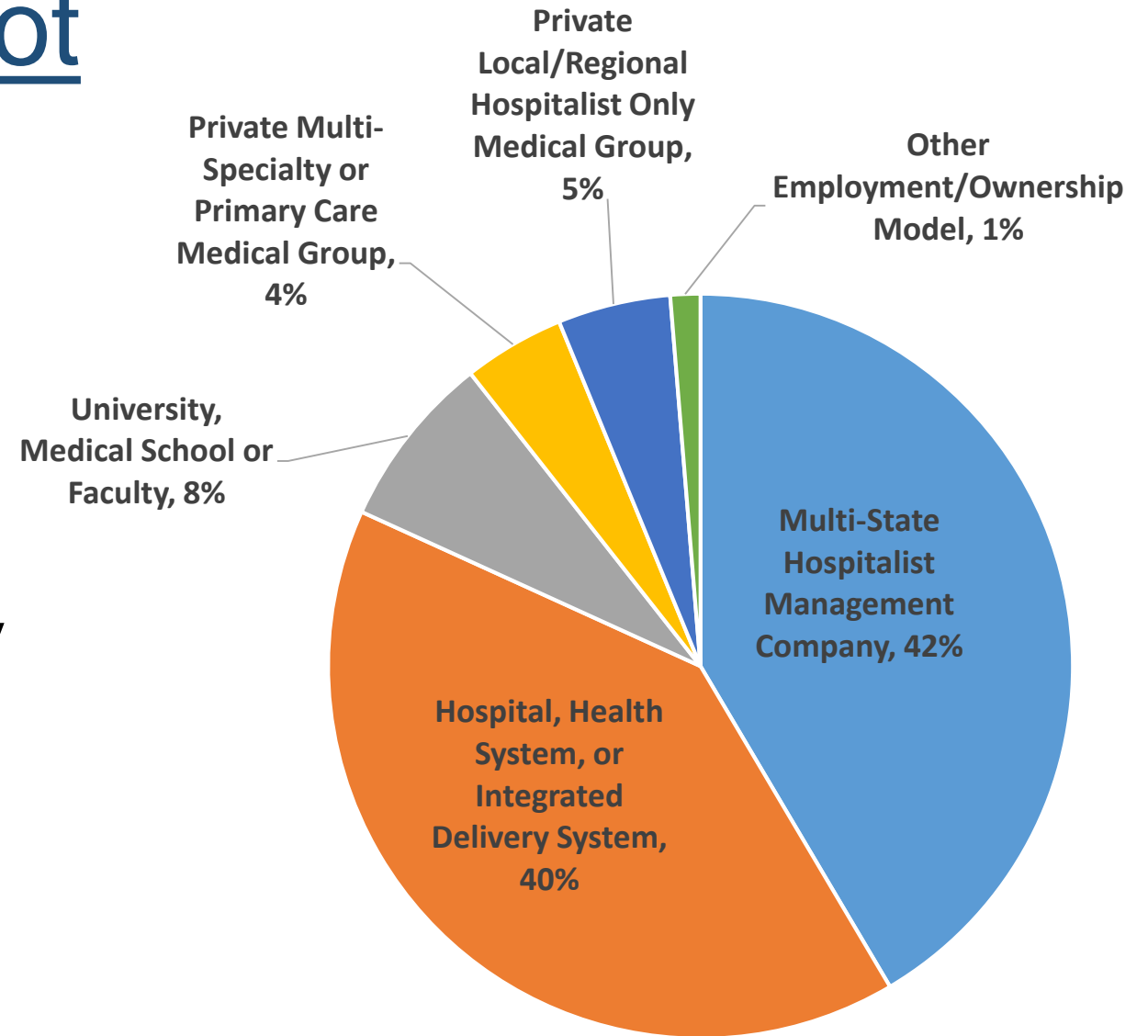
Number of Hospitalists in the US = 57,000



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# Hospitalists: A Snapshot

- ≈57,000 and demand is for >60,000
- 15,000 members in SHM
- Hospitalists manage >50% of all Medicare Inpatients
- Admit more HF, Chest pain than Cardiology
- Manage more Inpatient DM than Endocrinology
- Manage Majority of the Inpatient Neurology Cases



# 2017: HM is Officially a Specialty

- CMS Approves Specialty Code for Hospitalists = C6
- American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Makes MOC for Focused Practice in Hospital Medicine Permanent

# Prominent SHM Members



**Patrick Conway, MD, MSc**  
Deputy Administrator for  
Innovation & Quality, CMS  
and Director CMMI



**Kate Goodrich, MD**  
Director CCSQ & CMS  
Chief Medical Officer



**Vivek Murthy, MD**  
Former Surgeon General



**Scott Gottlieb, MD**  
FDA Commissioner

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# APMs and Hospitalists

- The Hospitalist model was the brainchild of APM participants
- The model was created in the 1980s by physicians who had taken capitated risk on HMO populations
- We consider HM to be a delivery system reform in of itself
- Hospitalist groups have taken more risk in BPCI than all other specialties combined

# Some recent Advocacy Success

- Approval of hospitalist specific billing code by CMS
- Inpatient use of Advanced Care Planning codes
- Meaningful Use Penalty Waiver for Hospitalists
- Removal of HCAHPS Pain Questions from HVBP scoring
- Simplification of MOON /Notice language
- MACRA language that allows for hospital alignment in MIPS
- Risk adjustment for readmissions in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act



# Current Advocacy Efforts of SHM

- Observation status
  - Two-Midnight Rule
  - 3 Day Stay Rule
- Mental Health Legislation
- Opioid abuse and Prescription Drug Monitoring
- Friends of AHRQ
- EHR Interoperability
- Out of Network Billing Legislation

# Current Advocacy Efforts of SHM

- Advocating for continuation of the Innovation Center (CMMI)
- Convening with other societies around protecting BPCI and other physician focused APMs
- Providing input on physician focused APMs to PTAC
- Attempting to make future mandatory APMs available to hospitalists
- Providing direct input on Advanced BPCI model
- Meeting with CMS, CMMI, Congress and others on future delivery system reforms and the move from FFS to APMs

# Hospitalists & MACRA

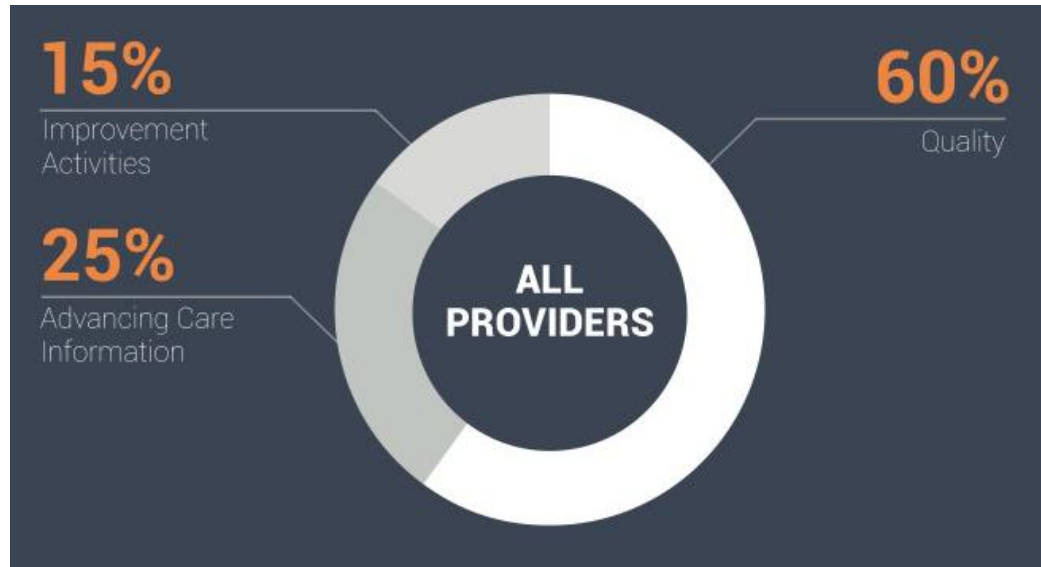


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# MACRA: SHM's Focus

- **Ensure** hospitalists have choice in MACRA pathways
- **Optimize** the ability of hospitalists to meaningfully participate in the MIPS
- **Ensure** there are viable Advanced APM option(s) for hospitalists
- **Have begun** discussions on the Hill about APM thresholds and the possible need for statutory adjustment

# Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)



- Cost category is not scored for 2019 payment adjustments
- Most hospital-based providers should be exempt from Advancing Care Information

# SHM Advocacy Efforts in MIPS

- **Increase** validity and options for **quality measures** – very few meaningful measures currently available to hospitalists
  - Exploring facility-alignment option
- **Improve** comparisons in the Cost category
- **Expand** hospital-based exemption from Advancing Care Information. Ideally a “**facility-based**” exemption?
- **Ensure** ongoing facility-based improvement and QI projects count as Improvement Activities

# Advanced Alternative Payment Models

- Few ACOs count as Advanced APMs
  - Unclear how/if hospitalists in Advanced ACO models will qualify as Qualified Participants
- BPCI Does Not Qualify As An Advanced APM
  - Does not meet quality criteria
  - CMMI currently developing an Advanced BPCI program to commence on 1/1/18
- **No other Advanced APMs directly available to inpatient physician groups**



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