

Finally, the Internal Medicine Hospitalists at the University of Missouri feel that feedback is an important means of improving service. Beginning this fall, we will provide semiannual evaluations of consultation services by the subspecialty Divisions of Internal Medicine and by the other Departments at MU. The evaluation parameters will include timeliness of service, quality of consultations, documentation, communication and consistency of follow up recommendations. Responsible for the largest segment of inpatients at MU, we feel an obligation to provide this input and welcome similar evaluations from the other services. Our goal, after all, is to continually improve the quality of patient care at the University of Missouri.

We are interested to learn about similar programs at other institutions across the State. Your comments and ideas are welcome and, if desired, will be published in the next issue of Missouri Hospitalist.

HOSPITALIST CONFERENCE AT ACP MEETING

A Hospitalist Conference and Luncheon will be held at the annual Missouri ACP Meeting, at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, in September. Scheduled to begin at 12:15 on Saturday, September 26, the theme of the Conference is Hospital Acquired Infections. The speakers and their topics will be:

John Crass MD, Washington University, Clostridium difficile

Kyle Moylan MD, University of Missouri, Columbia, Catheter-related UTIs

William Salzer MD, University of Missouri, Columbia, Central Line Infections

Your attendance and participation is encouraged. The entire 2009 meeting will provide approximately 22 hours of CME credit. Registration is available online:

<http://www.acponline.org/meetings/chapter/mo-2009.pdf>

