

BEST DOCTOR

Dr. Michael Kempton

In addition to serving as an emergency room physician at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City (BMH-UC), TeamHealth physician Michael Kempton, M.D., also is a hospitalist at BMH-UC.

Hospitalists are doctors who care for patients during their stay in the hospital. Hospitalists are a part of the team and work with other doctors, nurses and other health care staff to coordinate inpatient care.

They also can react quickly throughout the day to changes in a patient's medical status. Hospitalists are in the hospital or on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These specialists are available at all times to admit and care for patients. Hospitalists learn your medical history from



MICHAEL KEMPTON

your doctor when you are admitted to the hospital.

Patients and their families are encouraged to let the hospitalist know about personal preferences and to ask any questions about care. When a patient is released from the hospi-

tal, the hospitalist will send the patient's doctor a report detailing the patient's progress and discharge plan.

Hospital staff will make sure patients have a follow-up appointment with their physician. A hospitalist will visit patients each day and as often as needed. Patients benefit tremendously from having a hospitalist care for them while they are in the hospital.

Hospitalists can provide more timely care and make quicker decisions as situations arise because they are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They can modify treatment or follow up on test results on the spot instead of waiting until the next day.

Patients who are ready to go home in the late afternoon or evening don't have

to wait to be discharged the next day. And hospitalists can consult with a patient's family more readily.

Studies have proven that patients treated by hospitalists have shorter hospital stays and spend less money on treatment. Hospitalists partner with nurses and other medical staff to take care of patients.

For more information about the hospitalist program at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City, call 885-2410.



**American
Red Cross**



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

www.habitat.org

Obion County Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for new homes in Obion County.

Call 885-7126 for more information.

2017 Best of the Best Obion County Doctor

TEAMHealth®

Congratulates Michael Kempton, M.D., for being named The Messenger's "2017 Best of the Best Obion County Doctor." Dr. Kempton specializes in Internal Medicine and Emergency Health and is affiliated with Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City.

 **BAPTIST®**

unioncity.baptistonline.org

731.885.2410

Get
Better

