



## 2020 State of Hospital Medicine Survey Frequently Asked Questions

For more than a decade, the State of Hospital Medicine (SoHM) Report has been the definitive source of information on the practice of hospital medicine. Your group's participation in the SoHM Survey powers the SoHM Report and advances the field of hospital medicine. The Society of Hospital Medicine encourages you add your group's information to the national data by participating in the Survey.

### General Information

Why should I commit the time and effort to complete this SHM Survey?

- The State of Hospital Medicine survey is the only national source of information about hospital medicine at the group (as opposed to individual) level.
- Data from the survey, when paired with MGMA's hospitalist compensation and productivity data, provides the most accurate and comprehensive snapshot available on the state of hospital medicine across the country.
- The SoHM is essential as you and your group's leadership make decisions about practice design and resource allocation.
- SoHM provides **benchmarks** and **national trends** about how hospitalist groups are structured and operate.
- This data is useful to the healthcare industry, and those involved in public policy and research.
- ***Your participation helps to ensure that our results accurately represent reality.***

As a direct benefit of participation, you will also receive:

- Complimentary access to electronic version of the *2020 State of Hospital Medicine* Report.
- Discounts on additional electronic accesses and printed copies.

How do I access the SHM State of Hospital Medicine Survey?

To register, visit [www.hospitalmedicine.org/2020survey](http://www.hospitalmedicine.org/2020survey) and follow the instructions.

When will the SoHM survey be available for participation?

From **January 6, 2020** through **February 16, 2020**.

Who should complete this SHM survey instrument?

The individual completing the SHM *State of Hospital Medicine* Survey will need detailed knowledge of your hospitalist practice. We recommend working with your clinical and administrative leaders to answer certain questions.

How can I tell if someone else from our organization is completing this survey?

Coordinate with other leaders in your organization to determine whether a centralized submission is planned. You can also contact SHM directly at [survey@hospitalmedicine.org](mailto:survey@hospitalmedicine.org) to find out if your organization has submitted a centralized survey response.



What if our group has multiple hospitalist practices at different locations?

If your organization is a large entity with distinct hospitalist practices in different locations (such as a multi-state hospitalist management company or large multi-hospital integrated delivery system), please complete a separate survey for **all or a representative sample** of the practices. There are two alternative pathways for participation (see the **Multisite Reporting Guide** for more information):

1. **Recommended:** Use the Multisite Retake functionality in the online survey. This is an easy and straightforward method to submit data for all or a sample of your sites by enabling you to copy and edit survey responses from one site survey to the next.
2. **Alternate:** Submit your data using the Multisite Excel Template instead of the online survey. Email SHM staff at [survey@hospitalmedicine.org](mailto:survey@hospitalmedicine.org) to receive a copy of the Multisite Excel Template and input all your data into the spreadsheet.

If I'm unsure how to answer any of the questions on the SHM State of Hospital Medicine survey, how can I get needed direction?

Please contact SHM for additional assistance at [survey@hospitalmedicine.org](mailto:survey@hospitalmedicine.org). Staff will respond to inquiries in a timely manner.

How will my privacy be protected, and my group's data stay anonymous?

Your individual survey responses will only be seen by SHM staff. Data is aggregated for performing statistical analyses. Survey results are only published in summary form. If there are a low number of responses, the data will be suppressed in order to protect the identity of survey respondents. We will not share your name or contact information with any other organization, and we will only contact you regarding this and future surveys, and not for any other purposes.

How does the SHM survey relate to the MGMA survey?

SHM licenses data from the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) on hospitalist compensation and productivity. We include this individual level data with our group-level analyses in the 2020 State of Hospital Medicine Report.

**SHM encourages all Hospital Medicine Groups to participate in both SHM and MGMA surveys.** MGMA surveys can be accessed via the MGMA survey portal: <https://data.mgma.com>.

## For Additional Help

I have questions about this survey that haven't been answered here. How can I get some additional help?

The SHM survey team will be happy to help you. Please e-mail us at [survey@hospitalmedicine.org](mailto:survey@hospitalmedicine.org).