Supplementary Material 1: Summary of included studies in the literature review

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Reflections: The hospitalist movement a decade later	Wachter	2006	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Commentary	To describe the history of the introduction of hospitalist movement and provide personal reflections on the development of the field.
Implications of the hospitalist model for medical students' education	Hauer and Wachter	2001	Academic Medicine	US	Commentary	To propose a research agenda to investigate the educational impact of the hospitalist model, suggest strategies to mitigate the limitations in students' exposures to subspecialty faculty, and recommend professional development in teaching for hospitalists to ensure that student education thrives in this new environment of inpatient medicine.
The future of general medicine: lessons from an admissions ward	Hampton and Gray	1998	Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London	UK	Qualitative: three- year observational study	To define the expertise required of general physicians by surveying the work of an admissions ward.
Specialist or generalist care? A study of the impact of a selective admitting policy for patients with cardiac failure	Lowe et al	2000	International Journal for Quality in Health Care	Australia	Quantitative: prospective cohort study	To evaluate the impact of a selective admitting policy that attempts to exploit the complementary strengths of specialists and generalists.

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Career choices of junior doctors: is the physician an endangered species?		2013	Clinical Medicine: Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London	UK	Quantitative: national survey analysis	To describe the results of a national survey of FY2, CT1, CT2, StR and ST3+ doctors exploring their enjoyment of medicine, overall satisfaction, career aspirations, influencing factors and perceptions of the medical registrar.
The ethics of the hospitalist model	Rosenbloom and Jotkowitz	2010	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Narrative review	To serve as an update to initial criticisms and ethical issues of the hospitalist specialty (protecting the patient–physician relationship in an environment of increasing specialisation and discontinuity of care, preserving patient autonomy and choice when structural changes are made, and ensuring a model founded on efficiency and cost-effectiveness does not erode the public trust in hospitalists to always serve their patients' best interests).
The hospitalist as coordinator: an observational case study	Burkhardt et al	2010	Journal of Health Organization and Management	Switzerland	Qualitative: process- oriented case study using participatory observations and semi-structured interviews	To understand how the hospitalist function emerges and unfolds on wards and to focus on interaction patterns and the role of the hospitalist.

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Evaluation of physician assistants in National Health Service Scotland	Farmer et al	2011	Scottish Medical Journal	UK (Scotland)	Mixed methods: longitudinal study including interviews, feedback forms and activity data collection	To evaluate the impact and contribution made by PAs (US-trained Physician Assistants) to delivering effective healthcare in NHS Scotland.
General medicine – revisited, rejuvenated, revitalized and reemphasized	Chee	2002	Annals of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore	Singapore	Literature review and commentary	To search recent literature to describe changes in the US and UK around the shift towards general medicine.
Hospitalists as teachers: how do they compare to subspecialty and general medicine faculty?	Kripalani et al	2004	Journal of General Internal Medicine	US	Quantitative: cross- sectional survey analysis	To compare evaluations of teaching effectiveness among hospitalist, general medicine and subspecialist attendings on general medicine wards.
Hospital medicine in the internal medicine clerkship: results from a national survey	Liston et al	2012	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US and Canada	Quantitative: survey analysis	To determine the role of hospitalists in medical student education within the US and Canada.

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Redesigning residency education in internal medicine: a position paper from the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine	Fitzgibbons et al	2006	Annals of Internal Medicine	US	Position paper	To outline the recommendations for residency education system re-design.
Rural nurse job satisfaction	Molinari and Monserud	2008	Rural and Remote Health	US	Mixed method: literature review and survey analysis	To identify the factors that are important to retain qualified rural nurses.
John Flynn meets James Mackenzie: developing the discipline of rural and remote medicine in Australia	Murdoch and Denz-Penhey	2007	Rural and Remote Health	Australia	Commentary	To reflect on the development of rural and remote medicine in Australia.
Training generalist doctors for rural practice in New Zealand	Nixon et al	2017	Rural and Remote Health	New Zealand	Commentary	To describe the postgraduate pathways that have evolved for rural generalist doctors in New Zealand.
The evolution of the hospitalist movement in the USA	Baudendistel and Wachter	2002	Clinical Medicine	US	Commentary	To provide an overview of the development of the hospitalist movement in the USA.

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1st College of Physicians Lecture: The role of internal medicine as a specialty in the era of subspecialisation	Chee	2004	Annals of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore	Singapore	Lecture	To outline the role of the internist in modern medical practice.
Determinants of hospitalist efficiency: a qualitative and quantitative study	Dynan et al	2009	Medical Care Research and Review	US	Mixed methods: structured interviews and analysis of patient-level enhanced administrative data	To develop and test hypotheses about the impact of hospitalists on efficiency and quality of care relative to teaching teams.
The future of general medicine	Firth	2014	Clinical Medicine	UK	Commentary	To discuss what is good about general medicine, what is bad and make suggestions for improvement.
Hospitalists as cure for hospitalism	Goldman	2003	Transactions of the American Clinical and Climatological Association	US	Commentary	To discuss the benefits of hospitalists in the different areas.

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Professional boundary work in the face of change to generalist working in community nursing in Scotland	Gray et al	2011	Journal of Advanced Nursing	UK	Qualitative: focus groups	To explore how community nurses and managers constituted changes towards generalist working.
Hospital medicine's evolution: literature search and interview study with practices	Greenwald et al	2011	The Permanente Journal	US	Qualitative: literature review and interviews	To explore Kaiser Permanente (KP) hospitalists and physician leaders and KP and non-KP subject-matter experts on their priorities, concerns and successful practices.
Guiding patients through complexity: modern medical generalism	Royal College of General Practitioners and the Health Foundation	2011	NA - Institutional report	UK	Grey literature	Report on commission inquiry on the role, value and future of generalism in the UK.
Medical workforce planning: comparing reality with aspirations	Hamilton and Wilson	2000	Journal of Management in Medicine	UK	Quantitative: analysis of workforce data	To discuss issues around workforce planning during service reorganisation.
The NHS revolution: health care in the market place. Medical generalists: connecting the map and the territory	Heath and Sweeney	2005	ВМЈ	UK	Commentary	To explore the role of the medical generalist and consider how this might be affected by current NHS reforms.

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Acute medicine – an alternative take	Houghton	2011	Clinical Medicine	UK	Commentary	To explore the role of a GP with a special interest in acute medicine working with secondary care.
What's special about medical generalism? The RCGP's response to the Independent Commission on Generalism	Howe	2012	British Journal of General Practice	UK	Grey literature	To summarise the findings from a consultation of GPs conducted following publication of the report and address the question: 'What is the essence of medical generalism, and where is it most needed in our health system?'.
Genecialist manifesto: overcoming the "class struggle" in medicine	Iwata	2013	International Journal of General Medicine	Not specified	Commentary	To explore the potential of a new term to solve the divide/tension between generalist and specialist.
The hospitalist movement – a complex adaptive response to fragmentation of care in hospitals	Kheng	2008	Annals of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore	US, Canada and Singapore	Commentary	To examine the phenomenon of the hospitalist movement in the US, Canada and Singapore.
Determining the professional attributes of a hospitalist: experience in one Australian metropolitan hospital	Kingston	2005	Internal Medicine Journal	Australia	Quantitative: analysis of patient admissions data	To explore and determine the professional attributes of a hospitalist by reviewing caseload of a General Medical Unit.

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Growth in the care of older patients by hospitalists in the United States	Kuo	2009	The New England Journal of Medicine	US	Quantitative: analysis of Medicare claims data	To identify the number of physicians in general internal medicine, calculate the percentage of all inpatient Medicare services provided by hospitalists, and identify patient and hospital characteristics associated with the receipt of hospitalist services.
Training medical practitioners: which comes first, the generalist or the specialist?	Leinster	2014	Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine	UK	Commentary	To review training and explore the need for generalists.
Hospitalists for the NHS?	Mainous et al	2000	Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine	UK	Commentary	To consider the role of hospitalists within the NHS.
The complex patient: A concept clarification	Manning	2017	Nursing and Health Sciences	UK	Literature review	To review the definition of complex patient and its implications for practice, research, and theory.

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'Black sheep in the herd'? The role, status and identity of generalist doctors in secondary care	Muddiman et al	2016	Health Services Management Research	UK	Mixed-method: longitudinal evaluation using focus groups	To evaluate the two-year postgraduate broadbased training (BBT) programme for doctors recently piloted in England - the programme provided 6-month placements in four specialties (general practice, core medicine, psychiatry and paediatrics) to develop broad-based practitioners adept at managing complex and specialty integration.
The compatibility of future doctors' career intentions with changing health care demands	van Offenbeek et al	2006	Medical Education	The Netherlands	Mixed method: expert interviews, feedback round and questionnaires	To categorise medical students' prevailing career intentions and to examine to what extent newly proposed medical occupations that may be part of the transformation process correspond with these career intentions.
The evolution and future of hospital medicine	O'Leary and Williams	2008	Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine	US	Commentary	To provide an overview of the hospitalist movement in the USA, remaining challenges and opportunities.
The scientific basis of medical generalism	Pereira Gray	2017	Education for Primary Care	UK	Commentary	To summarise three research studies showing that psychosocial factors affect the body and influence whether patients live or die, and to highlight the value of generalists.

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General physicians: born or made? The use of a tracking database to answer medical workforce questions	Poole et al	2009	Internal Medicine Journal	New Zealand	Quantitative: questionnaires and tracking database	To use a tracking database to investigate the perceived influence of various factors on career choices of New Zealand medical graduates and to examine specifically whether experiences at medical school may have an effect on a decision to become a general physician.
Generalist solutions to complex problems: generating practice- based evidence – the example of managing multi-morbidity	Reeve et al	2013	BMC Family Practice	UK	Commentary	To outline a process for generating practice-based evidence of generalist solutions to the complex problem of person-centred care for people with multi-morbidity.
Whither the pulmonary ward attending? Preserving subspecialty exposure in United States internal medicine residency training	Santhosh et al	2017	Annals of the American Thoracic Society	US	Commentary	To argue for more rigorous research to track the trends and implications of the generalist—specialist balance of inpatient ward teams on resident career choices, and learn what interventions affect those choices.

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A qualitative evaluation of geographical localization of hospitalists: how unintended consequences may impact quality	Singh et al	2014	Society of General Internal Medicine	US	Qualitative: evaluation using focus groups	To determine the impact of geographic localisation of hospitalist teams by evaluating the perceptions of hospitalists (faculty and physician assistants) localised to a single nursing unit and the nurses who staffed that unit.
Response to David Meltzer's paper, Hospitalists and the doctor–patient relationship, 30 J. Legal Stud. 615 (2001)	Wachter	2001	HeinOnline	US	Commentary	To comment on the role and value of hospitalists in the UK – argues that it is the latest example of the tension between generalist and specialists.
Renaissance of hospital generalists	Wachter and Bell	2012	ВМЈ	UK/ USA	Commentary	To examine the factors behind the rise of hospitalist and acute medicine and how the differing national healthcare systems have influenced their structure.

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Do hospitalist physicians improve the quality of inpatient care delivery? A systematic review of process, efficiency and outcome measures	White and Glazier	2011	BMC Medicine	US	Literature review: systematic review of 65 comparative evaluations	To summarise the findings from 65 comparative evaluations to determine whether hospitalists provide a higher quality of inpatient care relative to traditional inpatient physicians who maintain hospital privileges with concurrent outpatient practices.
A hospitalist postgraduate training program for physician assistants	Will et al	2010	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Commentary	To describe the need for non-physician providers to cover for lack of hospitalists and present a postgraduate PA training programme in hospital medicine.
Why geriatric medicine? A survey of UK specialist trainees in geriatric medicine	Fisher et al	2017	Age and Ageing	UK	Quantitative: survey analysis	To explore whether the reasons for choosing a career in geriatric medicine in the UK had changed over time, with the goal of using this knowledge to inform recruitment and training initiatives.
Improving the quality of care for medical inpatients by placing a higher priority on ward rounds	Soliman et al	2013	Clinical Medicine	UK	Mixed method: focus groups and questionnaire	To investigate improving patient care by changing consultants' work patterns and placing a higher priority on the ward rounds.

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Needs of the many: Northern Ontario School of Medicine students' experience of generalism and rural practice	Strasser and Cheu	2018	Canadian Family Physician	Canada	Mixed method: reports on semi- structured interviews	To explore the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) student and graduate experience of generalism in rural practice, in the context of a growing discourse on generalism.
Making less popular medical jobs more attractive	Oliver	2018	ВМЈ	UK	Commentary	To discuss issues of prestige amongst different specialisms.
Exploring the generalist-subspecialist interface in internal medicine	Linzer et al	2006	APM Perspectives	USA	Commentary	To discuss proposals for referrals and co- management between medicine sub-specialists and general internists.
Training in general medicine – are juniors getting enough experience?	Mason et al	2013	Clinical Medicine	UK	Quantitative: survey analysis	To provide data on the current experience of medical trainees in general medicine.

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A comparison of outcomes resulting from generalist vs specialist care for a single discrete medical condition: a systematic review and methodological critique	Smetana et al	2007	Archives of Internal Medicine	USA	Literature review	To provide a methodological critique of studies of clinical outcomes for generalist versus specialist care for diagnoses.
Rural general physicians: improving access and reducing costs of health care in the bush	Quilty et al	2014	Australian Health Review	Australia	Quantitative: retrospective review of clinical and non- clinical outcomes data	To assess the effectiveness of the introduction of a trainee specialist physician into the workforce mix of a rural hospital in the Northern Territory.
Good housekeeping: 8 ways to make a hospitalist service succeed	Knapp	2009	MGMA Connexion (Medical Group Management Association)	US	Commentary	To provide tips on implementing a successful hospitalist service.
A qualitative analysis of patients' experience with hospitalist service handovers	Wray et al	2016	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Qualitative: interviews	To describe hospitalised patients' experiences regarding inpatient service changes, and to develop a conceptual framework to inform future efforts to improve service-level handoffs.

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Hospitalists: a chief nursing officer's perspective	Olender	2005	The Journal of Nursing Administration	US	Commentary	To highlight the role of the chief nursing officer in proactively encouraging the design and implementation of a hospitalist-nurse manager patient-centred care delivery model.
Is there a geriatrician in the house? Geriatric care approaches in hospitalist programs	Wald et al	2006	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Quantitative: cross- sectional survey of hospitalist community	To determine the impact of the hospitalist movement on acute care geriatrics.
Roles of obstetrician- gynecologist hospitalists with changes in the obstetrician- gynecologist workforce and practice	Tessmer-Tuck et al	2015	Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America	US	Commentary	To identify and review several challenges in the obstetrician-gynaecologist workforce and practice, and how these challenges impact the evolution of the obstetrician-gynaecologist hospitalist movement.
Invited article: Is it time for neurohospitalists?	Freeman et al	2008	Neurology	US	Literature review	 To answer five questions: What is a neurohospitalist? How many neurohospitalists practise in the US? What are potential advantages of neurohospitalists? What are the challenges of implementing a neurohospitalist practice?

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						What effect does a neurohospitalist have on clinical outcomes?
Physician attitudes toward and prevalence of the hospitalist model of care: results of a national survey	Auerbach et al	2000	The American Journal of Medicine	US	Quantitative: multivariate analysis of telephone survey data	To determine the availability and utilisation of, and attitudes to, the hospitalist model in the US.
A history of the hospitalist movement	Messler and Whitcomb	2015	Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America	US	Commentary	To summarise the history of hospitalist and obstetrician-gynaecologist hospitalist movements.
Bringing continuing medical education to the bedside: The University of California, San Francisco Hospitalist Mini-College	Sehgal et al	2014	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Quantitative: survey-based evaluation	To describe the development, content, outcomes and lessons from a three-day course that brings adult learners to the bedside for small group learning focused on areas relevant to hospitalists (to address the fact that hospitalist competencies have not been built into medical training).
Bringing generalists into the hospital: outcomes of a family medicine hospitalist model in Singapore	Hock et al	2011	Journal of Hospital Medicine	Singapore	Quantitative: retrospective cohort study	To assess a newly introduced hospitalist care model in a Singapore hospital.

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Effect of hospitalist attending physicians on trainee educational experiences: a systematic review	Narajan	2009	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Literature review: systematic review	To characterise the effects of hospitalists on trainee education.
Trends in inpatient continuity of care for a cohort of Medicare patients 1996-2006	Fletcher et al	2011	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Quantitative: retrospective cohort study	To examine the extent of inpatient discontinuity (being seen by more than one generalist physician) during hospitalisation for selected patients.
Effective management of hospitalized patients – established role of hospitalists in the USA	Izakovic	2006	Bratislavské lekárske listy (Bratislava Medical Journal)	US/ Slovakia	Mixed method: literature review and analysis of hospitalist programme data	To summarise and present benefits of effective management of inpatients in US hospitals by hospitalists and discuss the possible implications for the healthcare system in Slovakia.
The hospitalist model: does it enhance health care quality?	Harrison and Curran	2009	Journal of Health Care Finance	US	Quantitative: logistic regression study	To examine those organisations using the hospitalist model for inpatient care.
Hospitalist recruitment and retention (book)	Simone	2010	Wiley-Blackwell	US	Book	To guide various members of staff through the recruitment and retention process and to analyse current trends in hospitalist medicine and explore factors contributing to the challenges associated with recruitment and retention.

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How physicians perceive hospitalist services after implementation	Auerbach et al	2003	Archives of Internal Medicine	US	Quantitative: cross- sectional survey	To summarise physician attitudes of the hospitalist model before and after implementation.
Provider expectations and experiences of co- management	Hinami et al	2011	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Quantitative: survey data analysis	To characterise the expectations and experiences before and after the introduction of a hospitalist co-management model.
Management of neutropenic fever during a transition from traditional haematology/oncology service to hospitalist care	Raghavendra et al	2014	Wisconsin Medical Journal	US	Quantitative: analysis of patient medical records	To document and compare changes in inpatient management and patient outcomes between haematologists/ oncologists and hospitalists.
Comparison of practice patterns of hospitalists and community physicians in the care of patients with congestive heart failure	Roytman et al	2008	Journal of Hospital Medicine	US	Quantitative: retrospective chart review	To compare the practice of hospitalist and community physicians in the care of patients with congestive heart failure.

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Outcomes of patients with acute decompensated heart failure managed by cardiologists versus non-cardiologists	Uthamalingam et al	2015	American Journal of Cardiology	US	Quantitative: multivariate analysis of discharged patient data	To compare practice patterns of cardiologist, hospitalists and non-hospitalists caring for patients with acute decompensated heart failure (ADHF).
Integrating pediatric hospitalists in the academic health science center: practice and perceptions in a Canadian center	Mahant et al	2010	Journal of Hospital Medicine	Canada	Quantitative: cross- sectional survey	To explore the characteristics, practice, perceptions and contributions of paediatric hospital medicine in an academic health science centre (AHSC).
Enabling occupational therapy: moving beyond the generalist vs specialist debate in community mental health	Michetti and Dieleman	2014	British Journal of Occupational Therapy	Canada	Commentary	To move beyond the debate of generalist/specialists roles and propose that occupational therapists can define their role and increase awareness of the profession's value by demonstrating leadership in everyday practice.

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Organisation of services for people with cardiovascular disorders in primary care: transfer to primary care or to specialist-generalist multidisciplinary teams?		2014	BMC Family Practice	UK	Literature review	To argue that a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to shifting care for some people with cardiovascular problems from primary to secondary care is required to achieve high-quality outcomes from cardiovascular care in the primary setting.
The use of hospitalists by small rural hospitals: R results of a national survey	Casey et al	2014	Medical Care Research and Review	US	Quantitative: national survey analysis	To examine the reasons for using hospitalists, characteristics of hospitalist practices, and the impacts of hospitalist use in rural settings.
Job stress and burnout among urban and rural hospital physicians in Japan	Saijo et al	2013	Australian Journal of Rural Health	Japan	Quantitative: cross- sectional questionnaires	To elucidate the differences in job stress and burnout status of Japanese hospital physicians between large cities, small cities, and towns and villages.
Evidence for the acceptability and academic success of an innovative remote and rural extended placement	Wilson and Cleland	2008	Rural and Remote Health	Australia	Mixed-method pilot study: questionnaires, focus groups and assessment data	To identify why fourth-year medical students chose an extended remote and rural option within a degree programme which includes a short compulsory period of remote and rural practice – because this was a novel option, the study also looks at the academic performance of the first

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						cohort of students to ensure quality control of teaching and learning
Physician attitudes toward and prevalence of the hospitalist model of care: results of a national survey	Auerbach et al	2000	The American Journal of Medicine	US	Quantitative: multivariable analysis of telephone survey results	To determine the availability and utilisation of, as well as physician attitudes toward, the hospitalist model in the US.
On educating and being a physician in the hospitalist era	Benson	2001	The American Journal of Medicine	US	Commentary	To discuss the implications of the hospitalist movement for the education of physicians and their interactions with colleagues and patients.
Resuscitation decisions among hospital physicians and intensivists	Brims et al	2009	Clinical Medicine	UK	Quantitative: questionnaires	To examine the differences in CPR decision-making among senior hospital clinicians.
The role of the 'specialist' in healthcare	Britnel	2011	Clinical Medicine	UK	Commentary	To outline the need for more integration between specialists and generalists.
Complexity in graduate medical education: a collaborative education agenda for internal medicine and geriatric medicine	Chang et al	2014	Journal of General Internal Medicine	US?	Commentary	To propose a strategy for long-term collaboration in three priority areas in clinical medicine: teambased care, transitions and readmissions, and multi-morbidity

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Career choices of junior doctors: is the physician an endangered species?		2006	Clinical Medicine	UK	Quantitative: national survey analysis	To explore F1, F2 and medical registrars' enjoyment of medicine, overall satisfaction, career aspirations, influencing factors and perceptions of the medical registrar.
The acute medical take: an outpatient specialty	Connolly and Hamad	2008	Clinical Medicine	UK	Commentary	To argue for emergency outpatient clinics to provide gold standard emergency care by providing structure to the acute take, ensuring access to the most appropriate specialist and training opportunities for junior medical staff.
Factors supporting good partnership working between generalist and specialist palliative care services: a systematic review	Gardiner et al	2011	British Journal of General Practice	UK	Systematic review	To explore factors that support partnership working between specialist and generalist palliative care providers.
The NHS reforms: what they will mean for generalist and specialist clinicians	Gerada et al	2011	British Journal of General Practice	UK	Commentary	To ask six professional leaders for their views on how they see the specialties working with primary care in the future.

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Staying in the game: the 10-step approach to sustaining geriatrics education in hospitalists and subspecialty providers	Gillespie et al	2014	The American Geriatrics Society	US	Commentary	To identify 10 strategies and initiatives to "stay in the geriatrics game" by training hospitalists and subspecialty providers.
Developing generalism in the South African context	Howe et al	2013	South African Medical Journal	South Africa	Commentary	To argue for the need to develop generalism in the South African context.
Generalist plus specialist palliative care – creating a more sustainable model	Quill et al	2013	New England Journal of Medicine	US	Commentary	To discuss a potential new approach to palliative care model.
Geriatric medicine: the Wirral experience	Francis and Barrett	2007	Clinical Medicine	UK	Commentary	To describe the Wirral geriatric model and its collaboration with acute medicine.
What effect does increasing inpatient time have on outpatient-oriented internist satisfaction?	Saint et al	2003	Journal of General Internal Medicine	US	Quantitative: survey analysis	To explore what impact the time spent in the hospital seeing inpatients has on physician satisfaction, burnout and stress.

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The impact of a hospitalist on role boundaries in an orthopedic environment	Webster et al	2012	Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare	US	Qualitative: interviews	To examine the experiences of staff across several professional backgrounds in working with a hospitalist in an orthopaedic environment.
Internal medicine resident self-report of factors associated with career decisions	West et al	2009	Journal of General Internal Medicine	US	Quantitative: cross- sectional survey	To evaluate factors self-reported by internal medicine residents nationally as important to their career decisions.
Generic and specialist nursing roles in the community: an investigation of professional and lay views	McKenna et al	2003	Health and Social Care in the Community	Northern Ireland/ Republic of Ireland	Mixed-method: focus groups, interviews and questionnaires	To investigate the perceptions of community nurses, general practitioners (GPs), members of the public and senior strategists/policy makers in relation to specialist and generalist nursing roles in community nursing.