

## OB/GYN Hospitalist Basics: 10 Ways to Get a Job

1. Decide where you want to work geographically and begin the process of obtaining a medical license in those state/s which will take approximately 6 months. Depending on the state, the cost is approximately \$250-\$1,250. The material you need to gather for one state can be applicable for other state applications. Remember that you can commute to OB/GYN Hospitalist positions so consider being aggressive in applying for multiple state licensures to increase your attractiveness to potential employers.
2. Look on the **OB/GYN Hospitalist Programs map** on the website for existing hospitals with programs. Contact those hospitals to express your interest and see if there are any openings. Alternatively, offer to work fill-in or part-time and be sure to ask if they know of any proposed new programs at nearby hospitals
3. Submit applications to the 3 major staffing companies – Ob Hospitalist Group, Delphi (TeamHealth) and Questcare Obstetrics (or [send Dr. Olson](#) your CV and he will forward it on your behalf)
4. New programs are frequently planned 6 to 12 months in advance. It's extremely important to find out about these but apart from Ob Hospitalist Group, which has an [upcoming recruitment map](#), it's difficult because there is no central database of proposed new programs. Consider cold calling larger hospitals in the state that you are interested in, ask for the chairman of the department of OB/GYN and ask that chair if there are any intentions of starting an OB/GYN hospitalist program
5. Begin the process in your own hospital. Make a proposal at one of your department meetings to explore the possibility. Offer to chair the investigational committee to examine the feasibility
6. Join the Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists: [societyofobgynhospitalists.com/member/join](http://societyofobgynhospitalists.com/member/join)
7. Network at the [April ACOG](#) and [September SOGH](#) Annual Clinical Meetings
8. Make yourself a more desirable candidate: take simulation courses, certify with a electronic fetal monitoring course, complete a TeamSTEPPS class, and become BLS and NRP certified
9. Keep up-to-date with job websites, such as:  
<http://www.healthcareers.com/acog/search-jobs/>  
<http://www.practicelink.com/jobs/physician/obstetrics-and-gynecology/>  
<http://www.obhg.com/become-a-hospitalist/recruiting-map>  
<http://www.locumtenens.com/ob-gyn-jobs/>  
<http://www.delphihp.com/obgyns>  
[http://questcare.com/hospitalists\\_obgyn.html](http://questcare.com/hospitalists_obgyn.html)
10. Contact the state medical society as well as the district chair/s of ACOG <http://www.acog.org/About%20ACOG/Executive%20Board.aspx> in the geographic area/s you are interested in to ask if they know about proposed new programs