

Biography



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Dr. Wachter is the author of 250 articles and 6 books, he coined the term “hospitalist” in 1996 and is generally considered the “father” of the hospitalist field. He is past president of the Society of Hospital Medicine (1999-2000) and past chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine (2012-13). In 2004, he received the John M. Eisenberg Award, the nation’s top honor in patient safety. He is on the board of the Lucian Leape Institute of the National Patient Safety Foundation. For the past seven years, Modern Healthcare magazine has named him one of the 50 most influential physician-executives in the U.S., and in 2014 the same publication listed him as one of the 100 most influential people in health care.