



NEW BOOK A GUIDE TO *LOCUM TENENS* STAFFING

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Why are a growing number of doctors choosing to work temporary assignments as *locum tenens* physicians? Why do hospitals and other medical facilities use *locum tenens* physicians, and how do temporary doctors fit into the physician staffing mix in the era of healthcare reform?

A new edition of a book from Staff Care, the nation's leading temporary physician staffing firm and a company of AMN Healthcare, provides answers to these and many other questions pertaining to *locum tenens* doctors.

Entitled Have Stethoscope, Will Travel: Staff Care's Guide to Locum Tenens, the book provides a big picture look at today's physician staffing trends as well as "how to" information for both health care facilities that use temporary physicians and for physicians interested in working as *locum tenens*.

Authored by Staff Care president Sean Ebner and by Phillip Miller, the book seeks to place temporary physicians in the context of today's physician staffing trends. The authors note that a growing number of physicians are choosing to work as *locum tenens* to escape the reimbursement, malpractice and related challenges of today's medical practice environment. Staff Care estimates that over 40,000 physicians now work at least one *locum tenens* assignment each year while thousands work on a *locum tenens* basis full-time.

"If you are a physician who still loves seeing patients, but you don't love the bureaucratic side of medicine, *locum tenens* can be a great option," Ebner said.

Have Stethoscope, Will Travel also includes detailed information regarding the strategic uses of *locum tenens*, licensing, billing, malpractice, credentialing and other issues pertaining to *locum tenens* physicians. A chapter is devoted to a cost/benefits analysis of using *locum tenens* doctors and an additional chapter examines how *locum tenens* assignments work from the medical facility's perspective.

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