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Edward, DuPage Medical partner for better access to records

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Though both entities will remain separate, Edward and the DuPage Medical Group will form Illinois Health Partners, which will establish a common database of patient records, according to a hospital press release.

“Everyone (from both groups) will know what’s happening to the patient from the office visit, to the hospital visit to the discharge,” Edward Hospital President and CEO Pam Davis said.

The partnership will first focus on HMO patients of both groups. Patients from both groups will now be able to see physicians in either group.

“Today we operate in separate independent practice associations,” DuPage Medical Group CEO Mike Kasper said, adding it will now be easier for insurance companies to bill each group.

Illinois Health Partners will be governed by a yet-to-be-named eight person board, with Davis and Kasper as cochairs. The remaining six members will evenly split from both groups.

Edward Medical Group currently employs 80 physicians. DuPage Medical Group is affiliated with 320 physicians.