

**Q. Why is DeKalb Medical becoming part of Emory Healthcare?**

A. We are becoming part of Emory so that we will be in a strong position to serve the community for years to come. Hospitals are finding it necessary to join larger systems to maintain the investment in technology, facilities and innovation that is needed for the future. DeKalb Medical is no different. We solicited proposals, and after an extensive due diligence process, we believe Emory Healthcare was the best fit for our community.

**Q. When will DeKalb Medical officially become part of Emory?**

A. We anticipate becoming part of Emory Healthcare September 1, 2018.

**Q. What does this mean for DeKalb Medical patients?**

A. Initially, patients will notice nothing more than a change in the logo. The full transition will take a few years. Ultimately, our goal is for patients to benefit from a more comprehensive array of easily accessible, high-quality, well-coordinated services.

**Q. What happens to my doctor?**

A. Our medical staff remains intact. The doctors who have practiced here will remain in the community serving patients as they have been. DeKalb Medical has a high-quality medical staff, and Emory wishes to retain that.

**Q. My doctor is in a DeKalb Medical Physician Group practice. Will it still be DeKalb Medical Physicians Group?**

A. The name will change immediately, and over time, there may be some changes with scheduling, the patient portal, billing, etc., but your doctor remains your doctor. We will make sure we communicate changes to you before they occur so you know what to expect.

**Q. Will my records be visible to both Emory and DeKalb Medical providers?**

A. Not initially, but over time this is one of our goals. We plan for a cohesive electronic medical record platform. One of the advantages of a larger system is the investment in infrastructure that will allow coordinated care across the system. Emory has such as infrastructure, and the DeKalb Medical hospitals and physicians will be migrating to that system.

**Q. Does this mean DeKalb Medical will be a teaching hospital? Are there going to be medical residents involved in my care?**

A. DeKalb Medical will remain a community hospital. However, as a community hospital, DeKalb Medical has maintained a residency program in podiatry for many years, and many of our physicians work with residents in various specialties to help with their training. Whether or not residents are involved in your care depends on whether your individual physician is involved in training.

**Q. Will Emory take my insurance? How do I find out?**

A. Emory and DeKalb Medical both have contracts with most insurance providers. You can always check your insurance company's provider network on their website to verify which providers are in network.

**Q. Will the name change?**

A. Yes.

- **DeKalb Medical at North Decatur will be Emory Decatur Hospital**
- **DeKalb Medical at Hillandale will be Emory Hillandale Hospital**
- **DeKalb Medical Long Term Acute Care in Downtown Decatur will be Emory Long-Term Acute Care**

**Q. Who else did DeKalb Medical consider?**

A. Several health systems made proposals but we are bound by confidentiality agreements to not disclose who they were. After an extensive review process, Emory was unanimously recommended by the board, the physician committee and the administrative team.

**Q. I'm already registered in Emory's system, will you be able to pull up my records?**

A. Not yet. It will take some time to merge our information systems.

**Q. Can you schedule me at an Emory location?**

A. Not yet, but we will work towards being able to do that.