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## Summit Orthopedics plans merger with Institute for Low Back and Neck Care

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[Summit Orthopedics](#) and Institute for Low Back and Neck Care (ILBNC) plan to combined their practices in January and open a newly built center in Eagan.

Woodbury-based Summit Orthopedics has about 650 employees while Bloomington-based ILBNC has about 80. The combined business will have roughly 720 employees, with some of the ILBNC headquarters workers moving to Summit's main office in mid-2016.



Summit Orthopedics wants to open a 65,000-square-foot surgery and treatment center in Eagan.

“Today’s spine care environment is fragmented by practices offering either surgical care or non-surgical care, with nothing in-between that provides a comprehensive yet responsible approach for the well-being of the patient,” Summit President Dr. [Jack Droggt](#) said in a news release. “The goal in bringing Summit and ILBNC together is to create more integrated, multidisciplinary spine care services than what currently exists in the Twin Cities healthcare market.”

All Summit and ILBNC clinics and surgery centers will remain open.

Summit also announced the spring groundbreaking of a 65,000-square-foot surgery and treatment center in Eagan near Interstate 494 and Pilot Knob Road. It's expected to open in early 2017.

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