

Explaining the new strategic partnership

Elevating the voice of physicians and APPs

Governance at a glance

Under the new Strategic Partnership Agreement, Fairview and M Physicians remain independent organizations with meaningful ways to connect and align.

What's changing

Under the new governance plan, seats for University of Minnesota administrators will be sunset from the Fairview board. M Physicians will nominate two directors to Fairview's board to join as voting members. This is another way to ensure academic medicine continues to have a voice and influence in our system.

Fairview will also nominate two voting directors to the M Physicians board, strengthening efficiency and coordination between the two organizations. It supports M Physicians' service to Minnesota with additional outside expertise.

Why it's important

Strategic alignment at a board governance level will better support both organizations by providing clearer insight into each organization's overall strategy and direction. This will ensure ongoing cohesion and understanding.

Expertise in academic and community medicine — as part of a broader competency-based board — brings valuable perspectives to the long-term direction of our system. The result will be stronger collaboration between the two organizations.

Why physician and APP voices matter

There are many ways academic medicine makes an impact within the care system — from informing standards for quality, safety, and patient experience, to helping shape the future of wellbeing for physicians and advanced practice providers.

Board participation is one way to create alignment and influence meaningful change.

Bottom line

Stronger alignment allows us to continue to build on our successes while ensuring that the people who care for patients have a clear and continued role in shaping our future.



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