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The merger of the two metro Atlanta health care powerhouses has been years in the making. A combined system would include five hospitals, adding Gwinnett’s Lawrenceville and Duluth facilities to Northside’s hospitals in Sandy Springs, Cumming and Canton. It would also have more than 250 outpatient facilities. READ MORE

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