

Conjoined twins separated at Dallas hospital

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Hospital officials say conjoined boys born last month in Dallas have been safely separated and are doing well.

Officials at Medical City Children's Hospital say Owen and Emmett Ezell (uh-ZEL') are in stable condition. Their parents planned to offer an update later Thursday.

The boys weighed a combined 11 pounds, 15 ounces at birth on July 15. Hospital authorities say the twins had grown to more than 16 pounds when the surgery was done last Saturday.

Owen and Emmett were born joined from the <u>breast bone</u> to the belly button. The babies shared a liver and bowels. They also had a <u>birth</u> <u>defect</u> that left their intestines outside of their bodies and covered by a <u>thin layer</u> of tissue.

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