

## Conjoined twins separated at Houston hospital discharged

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In this April 25, 2018 photo provided by Texas Children's Hospital, sisters Hope, left, and Anna Richards gaze into each other's eyes as their mom, Jill, and brother, Seth, look on at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. The twin girls born in 2016 conjoined at the chest and abdomen have been discharged from the Houston hospital more than three months after separation surgery. Texas Children's Hospital on Thursday, April 26, 2018, announced the latest step in recovery for the twins. The girls were born Dec. 29, 2016, at the hospital's Texas Children's Pavilion for Women and were premature, at just over 35 weeks. Separation surgery was done Jan. 13. (Paul Vincent Kuntz/Texas Children's Hospital via AP)

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Texas Children's Hospital on Thursday announced the latest step in recovery for Hope Elizabeth Richards and Anna Grace Richards.

The girls were born Dec. 29, 2016, at the hospital's Texas Children's Pavilion for Women and were premature, at just over 35 weeks. Separation surgery was done Jan. 13.

Hospital officials say Anna Grace was discharged March 2. Hope Elizabeth left the hospital with her family Wednesday after being reunited with her twin.

The sisters join two brothers and their parents, Jill and Michael Richards of North Texas.



In this April 25, 2018 photo provided by Texas Children's Hospital, Dr. Ed Buchanan, pediatric plastic surgeon at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, stops by to see sisters Hope, right, and Anna Richards at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. The twin girls born in 2016 conjoined at the chest and abdomen have been discharged from the Houston hospital more than three months after separation surgery. Texas Children's Hospital on Thursday, April 26, 2018, announced the latest step in recovery for twins. The girls were born Dec. 29, 2016, at the hospital's Texas Children's Pavilion for Women and were premature, at just over 35 weeks. Separation surgery was done Jan. 13. Their mom, Jill, and brother, Seth, look on at right. (Paul Vincent Kuntz/Texas Children's Hospital via AP)

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