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## 5 Questions Hospitals Should Ask Before Acquiring a Physician Practice

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*The following are five questions hospital executives should consider before acquiring a physician practice, provided by Rudd Kierstead of DGA Partners.*

Hospitals across the country are continuing to acquire physician practices in their markets. An acquisition and employment arrangement can benefit both the hospital and the physician practice — physician practices, facing growing financial and administrative pressures, get the support of a hospital; the hospitals gain closer alignment with area physicians. In fact, many physician practices have begun approaching hospitals, looking to be acquired and become employees because of the attractiveness of a salary and potentially simplified management demands. Many practices also need help purchasing electronic health record systems and maneuvering through the new demands of healthcare reform.

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