



New Cerner Electronic Health Record System To Launch In June

Cullman Regional has been working for over a year to prepare for the health system's conversion to Cerner in June 2024. Cerner is an electronic health record (EHR) software that is more advanced and capable than the multiple and different systems currently used across Cullman Regional services.

An EHR conversion involves moving all patient data from paper files and previous medical record software to a facility-wide EHR system. The goal is to have one chart that follows patients throughout the continuum of care at Cullman Regional, Cullman Regional Medical Group and Hartselle Health Park.

Once a patient's medical record is transferred to Cerner or created for a new patient, the patient will not need to complete additional paperwork to provide personal information like address, insurance provider and medications at any appointments with Cullman Regional Medical Group physicians or Cullman Regional outpatient services like imaging or urgent care.

Within the Cerner EHR, important patient information can be easily and securely shared between providers the patient authorizes to access their health records. When providers can better collaborate on patient care, this can improve the quality of care, save time for the patient and lead to a better patient experience.

Patients can also stay informed about their care with access to a convenient and secure website. There, they can log in to a patient portal to view test results, provider notes and send messages to their care team. Once the new Cerner system is implemented, every Cullman Regional patient can set up an account in the patient portal. At the patient's request, our clinic staff or Patient Access staff will authorize the system to email instructions on activating a patient portal account. The email message will come from Cullman Regional.