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## New Summa Rehab Hospital shaping up

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The region's newest specialty hospital is nearing completion.

Summa Health System offered tours on Tuesday to show off its latest addition: the Summa Rehab Hospital on the Akron City Hospital campus.

The \$25 million, two-floor facility is expected to open in January.

Summa is teaming up with Vibra Healthcare, a national specialty hospital chain based in Mechanicsburg, Pa., to construct and operate the hospital for patients recovering from strokes, spinal cord injuries, orthopedic surgery and other conditions.

When complete, the \$25 million facility is expected to employ more than 200 people, according to Summa.

The building will have 60 private patient rooms, along with indoor and outdoor therapy areas, an apartment suite, a cafe and on-site parking.

Summa will be the majority owner of the new hospital, with a 52 percent stake. Vibra will run the day-to-day operations.

Vibra is a for-profit, private company that specializes in running outpatient rehabilitation facilities and inpatient, long-term acute care and medical rehabilitation hospitals.

Vibra has been under contract to run Summa's rehab units at Akron City, Barberton and Wadsworth-Rittman hospitals since January 2009. When the rehab hospital is complete, Summa will consolidate those units in the new facility.

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