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SUMMA REHAB FACILITY NEARING COMPLETION

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.



Caption: 1) A tour of the \$25 million **Summa Rehab** Hospital makes its way from the outside **rehab** area into the gymnasium Tuesday at the Akron City Hospital campus. 2) Cheryl Henthorn, chief executive officer, **Summa Rehab** Hospital, talks about the four bariatric patient

rooms under construction.

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