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Queen's Heart Center opens new cardiac recovery center

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The Queen's Heart Center at Hawaii's largest acute-care hospital has opened its newly-renovated outpatient recovery area.

The 20-bed unit in Queen's cardiology department - designated for both pre-surgery and post-surgery patients - underwent renovation in early 2007 as part of the Queen's Medical Center's \$22-million renovation project.

Queen's Heart is located on the third floor of the hospital's connecting Iolani and Pauahi towers. The final phase of the renovation, which will include physician offices, is expected to be complete in July.

The unit features additional beds, updated technology and equipment in its four catheterization laboratories, integrated nursing therapies and new design elements and artwork aimed at helping patients recover faster, according to Queen's spokeswoman Nicole Pickens.

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