## New York Hospital Queens opens new ambulatory surgery center

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The New York Hospital Queens opened 10 operating rooms Wednesday, located on the

One of the 10 new operating rooms

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first floor of the hospital's new seven-floor West Wing, which opened last month.

The operating rooms are equipped with advanced technology that has the ability to conduct complicated surgeries. The new surgical area has 33 recovery beds and a large waiting area.

"As an ambulatory surgery center based at a tertiary care hospital, we can do more complicated surgeries on older patients, including those with co-morbidities, or a greater level of illness," said Dr. Isaac Lowenwirt, the medical director of the hospital's ambulatory surgery unit, in prepared remarks. Lowenwirt is also the associate chairman of the department of anesthesiology.

The operating rooms have ceiling-mounted booms for monitoring equipment, equipment storage and high-definition, flat-screen monitors. The ceiling-mounted equipment gives those on the floor more space to move around the operating table.

"This new facility and everything we have invested in it gives us an opportunity to increase the number of people we can care for - safely, conveniently and close to where they live or work," said Stephen Mills, the hospital's president and CEO, in prepared remarks.

The hospital's West Wing adds 80 certified patient beds, bringing the hospital's bed total to 519. The \$210-million project was completed in less than four years.