

# Beth Israel Unveils New Cardiac Cath Lab Patient Holding Area

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The new patient prep recovery holding area in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Beth Israel Medical Center opened last week, being made official at a ribbon cutting ceremony which featured many of the top administrators, cardiologists and nurses that the hospital has to offer. This new patient holding, pre-cath screening, and post-cath monitoring area, not only has doubled in size compared to the older area, but has added new patient safety and convenient logistical features, whereby it allows patients coming in and leaving from the area much more quickly and smoothly.

This very attractive two-million dollar expansion, which came from Beth Israel's own capital, allows the capability of preparing multiple patients per procedure room at any given time, thereby increasing workflow efficiency. The new area features seven additional beds and state-of-the-art technological improvements designed to enhance care delivery, including touch

screen cardiac monitors and new EKG machines.

“Because of the extra space, there is now direct admissions from the emergency room and from other hospitals”, said Dr. John Fox, Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Beth Israel Medical Center. “This has been a two to two-and-a-half year process and now that it's finished, patients will highly benefit from the convenience that this area has to offer.”

In addition, the new area also contains finished locker rooms for enhanced patient privacy and bedside televisions for comfort while recovering. The new Prep Recovery area will also improve the flow within the Cath Lab, by enhancing communication channels and allowing opportunities for flexibility to accept inter-institutional transfers pending bed availability without delays.