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Having been built about a month ago, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics' new AirCare hangar -- with its expansive white walls and shiny floors -- still has that new car smell.

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The hangar, located next to the Iowa City Airport, houses UI's two emergency medical helicopters when they're getting fixed or have to be kept inside because of threatening weather. The helicopters are used to get to patients who need care right away, such as those who've had a stroke or severe injury. Most of the time, the helicopters are stationed on top of UIHC.

Construction on the \$2 million hangar -- funded by the hospital's operational revenue, not taxpayer money -- received unanimous approval from the Iowa state Board of Regents and the Iowa City Council. The site was purchased in August 2009.

The more than 6,000-square-foot metal building has space for three helicopters, storage rooms and a sleeping room for pilots. The exterior of the building has large fuel storage tanks and a helipad.

The new hangar became necessary when the old one at the UI Research Park became so crowded by new developments that there wasn't enough space for the helicopters to land safely.

"It just seemed like when you flew in there, you were so boxed in," aircraft technician Kevin Carey said.

The old building also was much smaller -- the crew had to remove

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the helicopters' blades to fit them inside.

"That got tricky," Carey said.

The new hangar also is about seven miles closer to the hospital than the previous one, Carey said.

The AirCare team is a group of about 10 emergency department nurses and paramedics who are specially-trained to treat patients in the air. Third-year medical residents also ride in the helicopters as part of their training.

Some critics have argued that spending money on helicopter transport instead of ambulances is too expensive.

But AirCare nurse manager Diane Lamb said studies have proven air transport is life-saving for some patients. In any case, she said she's always watching closely to make sure health care dollars are spent wisely and resources are available for every patient who needs care. The key is making sure AirCare is only utilized for patients who truly need it, she said.

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