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## **Blackfoot hospital opens new 5-bed ICU**

*Bingham Memorial Hospital spent around \$500,000 on new equipment and renovations for the ICU.*

BLACKFOOT — Bingham Memorial Hospital has opened a new, five-bed intensive care unit.

Equipment and renovations for the ICU cost the hospital about \$500,000. The previous ICU had four beds.

The new ICU contains advanced telemetry equipment that will be used to monitor patients both in intensive care and at other locations throughout the hospital. The new equipment is centrally located at a nurses' station and is capable of tracking a patient's heart rate, blood pressure and other vital information.

According to the hospital, recent service expansions in areas such as brain and spine surgery have increased demand for ICU space.

The ICU's patient rooms are three times as large as the old rooms and have private bathrooms.