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Expansion

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FOUR MONTHS AGO, Brookings Health System broke ground on an expansion and remodeling project for the Emergency Department (ED) and Laboratory. Since then construction crews have been working nonstop—even in difficult weather conditions.

They have made great progress in moving the project forward. The concrete foundation work is completed, and the crew is now busy erecting structural steel and starting masonry work along with plumbing and roofing work.

The \$4.3 million construction project will result in new technology, dedicated specialized exam and treatment spaces, and reduced wait times for the ED.

The ED will be expanded from seven rooms to 11 rooms, with three trauma rooms and new spaces for orthopedic, obstetric, pediatric, and psychiatric patients. The renovations will also incorporate enhanced security measures and a new internal communication system. In addition, the Laboratory will receive a new waiting area and an additional drawing room, which will enhance patient privacy and increase efficiency.

The project is estimated to be complete by early 2011.

