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New look for hospital emergency wing

Work continues on the largest expansion in the history of Brookings Health System. Even though internal remodeling is not quite finished, the health system's \$4.5 million Emergency Department and laboratory expansion has already given the south side of the hospital a dramatically different look.

The changes will result in new technology, dedicated specialized exam and treatment spaces and reduced wait times for the ED, health system officials say.

When the project is finished, the Emergency Department will be expanded to 11 rooms, with three trauma rooms and new spaces specially equipped for orthopedic, obstetric, pediatric and psychiatric patients. The renovations will also incorporate 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.