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## **MOAB REGIONAL HOSPITAL OPENS NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND SURGICAL CENTER**

On June 28, 2023, at 6:00 am, Moab Regional Hospital (MRH) will open its new and improved emergency department and state-of-the-art surgical center, part of a \$30 million expansion that is scheduled for completion by summer 2024. MRH and its healthcare services are also expanding to cater to the evolving requirements of the community.

Expanded clinic space for family medicine, specialists and mental health providers will open in August 2023. A retail pharmacy, and increased capacity in our diagnostic departments (e.g., lab and radiology, with a new CT scanner and MRI machines) are scheduled for completion summer 2024.

Moab Regional Hospital opened in 2011. A surge in tourism over the past decade increased the number of complicated traumas as well as the number of Urgent Care and Emergency Department patients, making additional Emergency Department space a high priority. The ER department has expanded from nine to 14 patient rooms, including a room specifically designed to manage complex psychiatric patients. As a certified Level IV Trauma Center, the new larger trauma bays will ensure the healthcare team has the space needed to care for critical patients.

Jennifer Sadoff, CEO of Moab Regional Hospital said, "It is exciting to see this project nearing the finish line. This expansion is funded by a USDA loan that refinanced our previous high-interest loan at one extremely low interest rate, but required that every dollar refinanced be matched with a dollar of new construction. At the end of this project, our community will have a hospital that is able to handle the needs of the foreseeable future, and has shell space designed in so future needs can be met without such a large effort. We are excited to see the positive impact this will have in the lives of our patients."

### **The emergency department will feature:**

1. Four new trauma rooms with state-of-the-art equipment that allows for better patient care.
2. Increasing the number of ER rooms from nine to 14 to reduce patient wait times.
3. A new isolation room where patients are kept separate from others while they receive medical care, typically for patients who have certain medical conditions or infections that affect the skin, lungs, airways, or intestines.
4. A quiet room where patients or their loved ones can speak with staff in a private and calm setting.
5. A new triage room where staff can conduct a preliminary assessment of the patient to determine the urgency of their need for treatment and the nature of treatment required.
6. A new, larger decontamination room that is equipped to help with the removal or neutralization of hazardous substances from people, equipment, and the environment before patients enter the hospital.
7. A larger and more comfortable waiting area

### **The surgical center will feature:**

1. A central sterilization room where cleaning and sterilization of devices used in medical procedures take place.



2. New Operating Rooms with state-of-the-art “surgical booms” which are designed to centralize all surgical support equipment and utility services for operating room staff.
3. A biomedical room that provides a dedicated space for the repair, maintenance, and calibration of all biomedical equipment used in the hospital.
4. A new environmental services hallway which includes housekeeping and laundry services that are an integral part of keeping a hospital clean, orderly, and running smoothly.

To learn more and view videos about the expansion, visit [www.mrhmoab.org/expansion](http://www.mrhmoab.org/expansion).

Moab Regional Hospital is a 17-bed not-for-profit Critical Access Hospital and Level IV Trauma Center located in Moab, Utah, and is the leader in healthcare in southeastern Utah. Our mission is to put our patients first, deliver quality, cost-effective healthcare, and promote wellness to all we serve. From patient care to community wellness, Moab Regional Hospital serves as your portal to health.

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