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Our current surgery department was built in 1975. For more than 40 years, the hospital's surgery department has provided high quality care, compassion and reliability for all who need our services.

With constant medical discovery, the demand for surgical procedures has increased over the past 40 years. What was not even imagined before is now very plausible and, in many cases, a reality.

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**Phase III:**

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