



## FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Plessen Healthcare's facility is built to comply with strict standards set by 2014 guidelines, even though CMS still accepts compliance with 2002 guidelines.

It is fitted with the most advanced medical technology and equipment, as well as large screens in the operating rooms for telecommunication, computer assisted surgery equipment, a large capacity sterilizer, medical and anesthesia gases readily available from every outlet in the walls, and last but not least, a colossal back up generator with two transfer switches to assure that the facility is operable even during power outages during the worst hurricane.

## MISSION

This facility aims to serve a great need in the local community on St.Croix and hopes to attract visitors from other Caribbean islands to come here for healthcare.

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## DETAILS

The surgery center underwent a thorough and detailed survey last year by the Federal Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and passed with flying colors. Although the facility is fully accredited for the participation in the Federal Medicare and Medicaid program, it is still waiting for accreditation by the local Virgin Islands Medicaid program (MAP).

## BENEFITS TO THE USVI AND PATIENTS

This facility will indirectly give a significant boost to the local economy on St.Croix by not only decreasing costs to patients for travel and care elsewhere, but also by attracting companies and their families from other islands and locations to St.Croix.

Currently the facility is only allowed to perform eye surgeries according to the Certificate of Need (CON) issued by the Department of Health. Applications and resubmitted requests for a multispecialty CON have been rejected in the past.