

DID YOU KNOW?

**OVER 2.5 MILLION PATIENTS HAVE  
HAD MINIMALLY INVASIVE *DA VINCI*®  
SURGERY WORLDWIDE SINCE 2000**



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At Virginia Heartburn and Hernia Institute, we are committed to providing superior patient care and being a leader in healthcare excellence and innovation in the communities we serve. We provide a Robotic-Assisted Surgery Program and are using *da Vinci*® Surgery to expand our range of services to offer another minimally invasive surgical option to patients.

## WHAT DOES OUR ROBOTIC-ASSISTED SURGERY PROGRAM OFFER?

The Robotic-Assisted Surgery Program at Inova Alexandria Hospital has a multidisciplinary surgical team. Dr. Lee is specially trained and credentialed to perform robotic-assisted *da Vinci* Surgery. A dedicated, highly experienced team of anesthesiologists, nurses, assistants and surgical techs are also trained to support each surgeon's needs during robotic-assisted surgery.

Our *da Vinci* Robotic-Assisted Surgeries include:

- Hernia surgery
- Anti-reflux surgery
- Adrenalectomy
- Splenectomy
- Gastric surgery
- Pancreatic surgery
- Small Bowel or Colorectal surgery
- Single Site Gallbladder surgery

## WHAT IS DA VINCI SURGERY?

*da Vinci* Surgery is a type of minimally invasive surgery where specially trained surgeons use the *da Vinci* robotic-assisted surgical system to perform a wide range of delicate and complex operations. The *da Vinci* System features a magnified 3D high-definition vision system and tiny wristed instruments that bend and rotate far greater than the human wrist. As a result, the *da Vinci* System enables surgeons to operate with enhanced vision, precision, dexterity and control.

## WHY OUR SURGEONS OFFER *DA VINCI*® SURGERY

As physicians, our ultimate responsibilities are to our patients. We believe in offering our patients all the treatment and surgical options supported by evidence-based medicine. That includes minimally invasive *da Vinci* surgery. More than 9,500 peer-reviewed studies and reports examining the use of the *da Vinci* Surgical System in various procedures have been published. The publications include the following types: randomized studies, systematic reviews, prospective and retrospective comparison studies, single arm studies, literature reviews, case studies, cadaver studies, animal studies and editorials.

### KEY POTENTIAL PATIENT BENEFITS OF *DA VINCI* SURGERY VS. OPEN SURGERY\*:

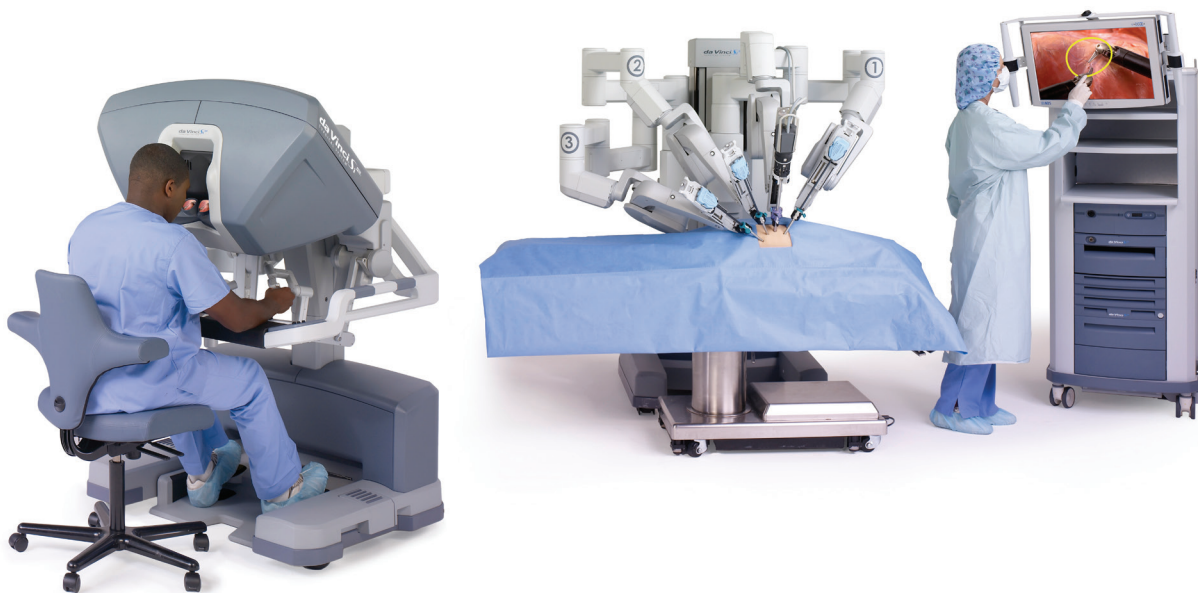
- A shorter hospital stay<sup>1-5</sup>
- Less blood loss<sup>2-4,6</sup>
- Fewer complications<sup>2- 4,7-8</sup>
- Less need for narcotic pain medicine<sup>1,7,9-10</sup>
- A faster recovery <sup>1-2,11-12</sup>
- Smaller incisions associated with minimal scarring<sup>3,6-7</sup>

\* Potential benefits are specific to the procedure referenced in the footnoted publications.

## HOW DOES THE DA VINCI® SURGICAL SYSTEM WORK?

Using the *da Vinci* Surgical System, surgeons perform delicate and complex operations through a few small incisions. The *da Vinci* System consists of several key components, including:

- an ergonomically designed console where the surgeon sits while operating
- a patient-side cart with interactive robotic arms
- a 3D HD vision system
- *EndoWrist*® instruments that bend and rotate far greater than the human wrist



*da Vinci* software can scale down surgeon's movements and minimize the effects of a surgeon's hand tremors on instrument movements. As a result, the *da Vinci* System enables surgeons to operate with enhanced vision, precision, dexterity and control.

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NOTE: The referenced studies evaluated an *Si* or earlier model of the *da Vinci* Surgical System. There is no clinical data currently available for the *da Vinci Xi* Surgical System. The *da Vinci Xi* Surgical System is not cleared for use in transoral otolaryngology surgical procedures and is not specifically cleared for use in prostatectomy. It is cleared for use in urologic surgical procedures.

In order to provide benefit and risk information, Intuitive Surgical reviews the highest available level of evidence on representative *da Vinci* procedures. Intuitive Surgical strives to provide a complete, fair and balanced view of the clinical literature. However, our materials should not be seen as a substitute for a comprehensive literature review for inclusion of all potential outcomes. We encourage patients and physicians to review the original publications and all available literature in order to make an informed decision. Clinical studies are available at [pubmed.gov](http://pubmed.gov).

The implementation of a *da Vinci*® Surgery program is practice- and hospital-specific. Results may vary. Past customer experience does not imply any guarantee of results in practice or program success. When considering cost-effectiveness of an advanced technology like the *da Vinci* System, we recommend that hospitals perform a full cost-benefit analysis, considering not just the operating room costs but the costs associated with hospital stays, procedure-related complications and hospital re-admissions.

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