da Vinci® Minimally Invasive Surgery for Colorectal, Abdominal Conditions and Obesity

Fast Facts

There are a wide range of conditions affecting abdominal organs and tissues that general surgeons treat using da Vinci Surgery. Among these are: colon and rectal cancer, morbid obesity, stomach cancer, pancreatic disease and achalasia (swallowing disorder). Collectively, these conditions impact millions of people around the world.

- Colorectal cancer is the 3rd most deadly and 4th most common cancer globally\(^1\)
- Stomach cancer is the second most deadly cancer worldwide
- Smokers are 2 to 3 times more likely to get pancreatic cancer\(^2\)
- An estimated 300 million people around the world are obese; in the U.S. alone, 72 million people are obese\(^3,4\)

Minimally invasive da Vinci Surgery enables surgeons to operate through a few tiny incisions instead of a long incision used for traditional open surgery. State-of-the-art da Vinci Surgery provides your doctor with enhanced vision, precision, dexterity and control, while offering patients many potential benefits as compared to traditional surgery, such as:*

- Excellent outcomes for cancer control\(^5\)
- Quick return of bowel function
- Fast return to oral nutrition
- Low blood loss\(^6\)
- Minimal surgical trauma\(^7\)
- Low risk of complications\(^8,9\)
- Short hospital stay\(^5,10,11\)
- Fast recovery\(^5,7\)

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

Patient comments

“The doctor explained the process and advantages before scheduling the procedure, and I must say the recovery time was very fast. There were no complications, and the process still amazes me. There was no pain after the surgery.”
- Thomas, da Vinci Colectomy (for diverticulitis) Patient

“My incisions were so minimal that today, 8 days after surgery, they are almost completely healed. The amount of support and patient education has been endless. The lack of pain (last dose of pain meds was on day 4) has been priceless!”
- Elizabeth Young, da Vinci Gastric Bypass Patient
While clinical studies support the effectiveness of the da Vinci Surgical System when used in minimally invasive surgery, individual results may vary. There are no guarantees of outcome. All surgeries involve the risk of major complications. **Before you decide on surgery, discuss treatment options with your doctor. Understanding the risks of each treatment can help you make the best decision for your individual situation. Surgery with the da Vinci Surgical System may not be appropriate for every individual; it may not be applicable to your condition. Always ask your doctor about all treatment options, as well as their risks and benefits. Only your doctor can determine whether da Vinci Surgery is appropriate for your situation. The clinical information and opinions, including any inaccuracies expressed in this material by patients or doctor about da Vinci Surgery are not necessarily those of Intuitive Surgical, Inc. and should not be considered as substitute for medical advice provided by your doctor. © 2011 Intuitive Surgical. All rights reserved. Intuitive, Intuitive Surgical, da Vinci, da Vinci S, da Vinci Si, Single-Site, InSite, TilePro and EndoWrist are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intuitive Surgical. All other product names are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective holders. PN 870441 Rev B 04/11**

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