

# Facing Surgery?



Today, complex conditions such as cancer, uterine prolapse, fibroids and even heart disease can be treated minimally invasively with *da Vinci*<sup>®</sup> Surgery. This approach uses a robotic surgical system that provides your surgeon with better vision, precision and control. It requires only a few small incisions, so you can get back to your life faster -- without the usual recovery following major surgery.

**Learn why *da Vinci* Surgery may be your best treatment option.**

Talk to your doctor and visit:  
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# Are You a Candidate for *da Vinci* Surgery?

**Only you and your doctor can decide whether *da Vinci*® Surgery is right for you.** Bringing this checklist to your appointment may help you to discuss any health concerns with your doctor.

**My symptom(s) or condition(s) are:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check all that apply:**

- I would like to avoid a large incision and scar.
- I would like to minimize the length of time in the hospital to just one night, if possible.
- I would like to minimize blood loss and the need for transfusion(s) during surgery.
- I would like to limit the amount/duration of pain medications I take after surgery.
- I would like to minimize my risk of infection after surgery.
- I would like to understand which surgical options can provide me with the best possible outcome and the fastest return to my normal activities.

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 871975 Rev C 01/11