If you've been diagnosed with gynecologic cancer, learn about minimally invasive da Vinci® Surgery.

Facing a Hysterectomy?

Your doctor is one of a growing number of surgeons worldwide offering da Vinci® Surgery.

For more information and to find a da Vinci Surgeon nearest you, visit: www.daVinciSurgery.com

Serious complications may occur in any surgery, including da Vinci® Surgery, up to and including death. Risks include, but are not limited to, injury to tissues and organs and conversion to other surgical techniques. If your doctor needs to convert the surgery to another surgical technique, this could result in a longer operative time, additional time under anesthesia, additional or larger incisions and/or increased complications. Individual surgical results may vary. Patients who are not candidates for non-robotic minimally invasive surgery are also not candidates for da Vinci Surgery. Patients should talk to their doctor to decide if da Vinci Surgery is right for them. Patients and doctors should review all available information on non-surgical and surgical options in order to make an informed decision. Please also refer to www.daVinciSurgery.com/Safety for Important Safety Information.


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The Surgery: Hysterectomy

If you have gynecologic cancer - such as cancer of the uterus or cervix - your doctor may suggest a hysterectomy (removal of your uterus).

A hysterectomy may be performed with open surgery or minimally invasive surgery.

Open Surgery: With open surgery, doctors operate through a long incision from the pubic bone to just above the navel. The incision (cut) must be large enough for your surgeon to fit his or her hands and instruments inside your body to reach your organs.

Minimally Invasive Surgery: A hysterectomy can also be done using minimally invasive surgery. With traditional laparoscopy, your surgeon operates through a few small incisions in your abdomen using long instruments and a tiny camera. The camera sends images to a video screen to guide doctors during surgery.

There is another minimally invasive surgery option (similar to laparoscopy) for women planning to have a hysterectomy (simple total or radical): robotically-assisted da Vinci® Surgery.

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**da Vinci Surgery:**
A Minimally Invasive Surgery Option

The da Vinci Surgical System has a 3D HD vision system that gives doctors a magnified view inside the body. It also has tiny instruments that bend and rotate far greater than the human hand. These features enable surgeons to operate with enhanced vision, precision, and control.

*da Vinci* Hysterectomy (simple total) offers the following potential benefits compared to open surgery:
- Fewer complications
- Less estimated blood loss & fewer transfusions
- Shorter hospital stay

*da Vinci* Hysterectomy (simple total) offers the following potential benefits compared to traditional laparoscopy:
- Similar complications
- Less estimated blood loss & similar or fewer blood transfusions
- Similar or shorter hospital stay

Your surgeon is 100% in control of the System, which translates his or her hand movements into smaller, precise movements of tiny instruments inside your body.

The *da Vinci* System has brought minimally invasive surgery to more than 3 million patients worldwide.

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Risks and Considerations Related to Hysterectomy, Cancer (removal of the uterus and possibly nearby organs): injury to the ureters (the ureters drain urine from the kidney into the bladder), vaginal cuff problem (scar tissue in vaginal incision, infection, bacterial skin...