

Facing Prostate Cancer?



**According to the
American Urological Association,
the major potential benefit of
radical prostatectomy is a cancer cure
for localized prostate cancer.¹**

If you have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and are considering surgery, ask your doctor about minimally invasive *da Vinci* Surgery. Using *da Vinci*, your doctor operates through a few small incisions. *da Vinci* features a magnified 3D HD vision system and special instruments that bend and rotate far greater than the human wrist. These features enable your surgeon to operate with enhanced vision, precision, and control.

**Talk to your doctor and visit:
www.daVinciProstatectomy.com**



***da Vinci*.Surgery**

Are You a Candidate for *da Vinci* Surgery?

Only you and your doctor can decide if *da Vinci*[®] Surgery is right for you. Bringing this form to your appointment may help you to discuss your health concerns with your doctor.

My symptoms are: _____

If you are considering prostate cancer surgery, here are a few questions to ask your doctor:

1. What are the pros and cons of each surgical option?
2. When will my urinary and sexual functioning return to normal, based on my cancer stage, age and overall health?
3. How long will I have to stay in the hospital?
4. How soon can I return to my normal activities?
5. Are you a *da Vinci* surgeon? If so, how many procedures have you performed?

¹ American Urological Association, Education and Research, Inc. Prostate cancer clinical guideline update panel. Guideline for the management of clinically localized prostate cancer: 2007 update.

Risks Related to Prostatectomy (removal of prostate gland and some surrounding tissue): leaking of urine, urgent need to urinate, cannot get or keep an erection, rectal or bowel injury, narrowing of urethra, pooling of lymph fluid in pelvic area or legs. Serious complications may occur in any surgery, including *da Vinci*[®] Surgery, up to and including death. Examples of serious or life-threatening complications, which may require prolonged and/or unexpected hospitalization and/or reoperation, include but are not limited to, one or more of the following: injury to tissues/organs, bleeding, infection and internal scarring that can cause long-lasting dysfunction/pain. Risks of surgery also include the potential for equipment failure and/or human error. Individual surgical results may vary. Risks specific to minimally invasive surgery, including *da Vinci* Surgery, include but are not limited to, one or more of the following: temporary pain/nerve injury associated with positioning; temporary pain/discomfort from the use of air or gas in the procedure; a longer operation and time under anesthesia and conversion to another surgical technique. 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. 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. For Important Safety Information, including surgical risks, indications, and considerations and contraindications for use, please also refer to www.davincisurgery.com/safety and www.intuitivesurgical.com/safety.

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