If you have a heart condition such as mitral valve prolapse or coronary artery disease, ask your doctor about minimally invasive da Vinci® Surgery. Using the da Vinci Surgical System, surgeons operate through a few small incisions so you can avoid a large chest incision. 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, dexterity and control.

Learn about minimally invasive da Vinci® Surgery

Talk to your doctor and visit: www.daVinciSurgery.com
Am I 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 discuss any symptoms or health concerns with your doctor.

I have the following symptom(s):

If you are facing heart surgery, here are a few questions to ask your doctor:

1. What are the pros and cons of each surgical option, including da Vinci Surgery?
2. I’d like to avoid a large chest incision. Am I a candidate for minimally invasive surgery?
3. How long will I have to stay in the hospital?
4. When can I return to my normal activities?
5. Are you a da Vinci surgeon? If so, how many procedures have you performed?

The clinical evaluation of the da Vinci Si Surgical System supporting its use for mitral valve repair was not performed totally endoscopically. Introduction and manipulation of the endoscopic instruments were controlled by the da Vinci Si Surgical System through port incisions (< 1 cm) while accessory technologies, e.g., atrial retractor and cardioplegia line, etc., were introduced through a mini-thoracotomy. Performance characteristics for conduct of totally endoscopic mitral valve repair using the da Vinci Si System have not been established.

All surgery, including da Vinci Surgery presents risk including serious complication requiring hospitalization, injury to tissue or organs, bleeding, infection, pain and death. Results, including cosmetic results, may vary. Patients should understand that risks of surgery include potential for human error and potential for equipment failure. Risks specific to minimally invasive surgery may include: a longer operative time; the need to convert the procedure to other surgical techniques; the need for additional or larger incision sites; a longer operation or longer time under anesthesia than your surgeon originally predicts. Performance characteristics for conduct of totally endoscopic mitral valve repair using the da Vinci Si system have not been established and may require additional devices introduced through a mini-thoracotomy. Patients who bleed easily, have abnormal blood clotting, are pregnant or morbidly obese are typically not candidates for minimally invasive surgery, including da Vinci Surgery. Patients should talk to their doctors about their surgical experience, all available options and decide if da Vinci is right for them. For more complete information on surgical risks, safety and indications for use, please refer to http://www.davincisurgery.com/safety

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