

Considering Hysterectomy?



If you have been diagnosed with endometriosis, fibroids, heavy menstrual bleeding, pelvic prolapse or gynecologic cancer, your doctor may recommend a hysterectomy. If so, ask about minimally invasive *da Vinci* Surgery. Doctors operate through a few small incisions, similar to traditional laparoscopy. The *da Vinci* System 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.

**Learn about minimally invasive
da Vinci® Hysterectomy**

Talk to your doctor and visit:
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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 checklist to your appointment may help you discuss any health concerns with your doctor.

I have the following symptom(s) or condition: _____

If you are considering a hysterectomy, here are a few questions to ask your doctor:

1. What are the pros and cons of each surgical approach to hysterectomy (open surgery, vaginal, traditional laparoscopy and *da Vinci* Surgery)?
2. I'd like to avoid a large incision. Am I a candidate for minimally invasive surgery?
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 hysterectomies have you performed?

Risks of hysterectomy (removal of uterus and possibly nearby organs): injury to the ureters (ureters drain urine from the kidney into the bladder), vaginal cuff problem (replaces cervix): scar tissue in vaginal incision, infection, bacterial skin infection, pooling/clotting of blood, incision opens or separates, injury to bladder (organ that holds urine), bowel injury, vaginal shortening, problems urinating (cannot empty bladder, urgent or frequent need to urinate, leaking urine, slow or weak stream), abnormal hole from the vagina into the urinary tract or rectum, vaginal tear or deep cut. Patients undergoing a hysterectomy who have an undiagnosed cancer may be at risk of having cancer cells spread if the uterus is cut into pieces for removal.

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.