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***da Vinci***  
Surgical System  
Hysterectomy

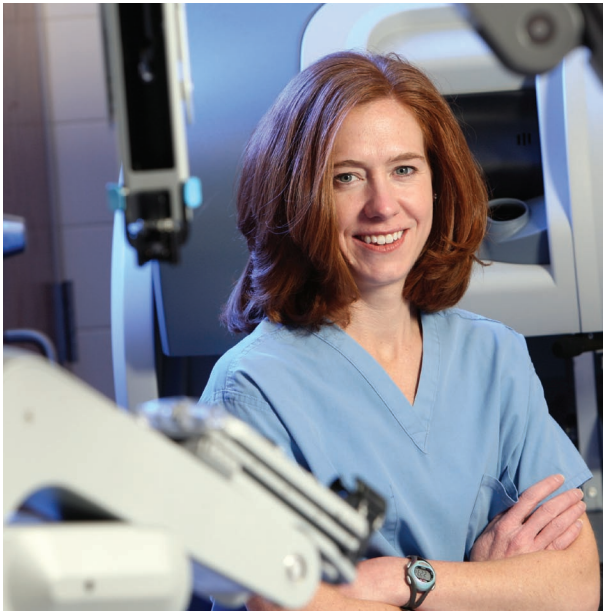


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## What is the *da Vinci* Surgical System?

The *da Vinci* Surgical System is a state-of-the-art robotic technology which allows for a less invasive approach than traditional surgery. The System allows the surgeon's hand movements to be scaled, filtered and translated into precise movements by micro-instruments within the operative site.

The *da Vinci* System enhances surgical capabilities by enabling the performance of complex surgeries through tiny surgical openings. The System cannot be programmed, nor can it make decisions on its own. The *da Vinci* System requires that every surgical maneuver be performed with direct input from the surgeon. The *da Vinci* Surgical System has been successfully used in thousands of minimally invasive procedures worldwide.



## *da Vinci* Hysterectomy:

Physicians perform hysterectomy – the surgical removal of the uterus – to treat a wide variety of uterine conditions. Each year doctors perform approximately 600,000 hysterectomies in the United States alone, making it the second most common surgical procedure. The *da Vinci* minimally invasive approach to hysterectomy, combines the advantages of conventional open and minimally invasive hysterectomies – but with potentially fewer drawbacks.

The *da Vinci* Surgical System is designed to help surgeons see vital anatomical structures more clearly and perform more precise surgical procedures.

For most patients, *da Vinci* Hysterectomy offers numerous potential benefits over traditional open hysterectomy surgery, including:

- Significantly less pain
- Less blood loss
- Fewer complications
- Less scarring
- A shorter hospital stay
- A faster return to normal daily activities



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